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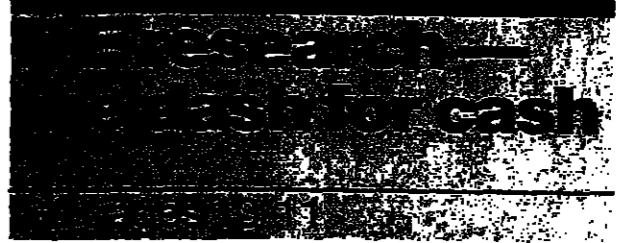
## The crusader takes on Blair



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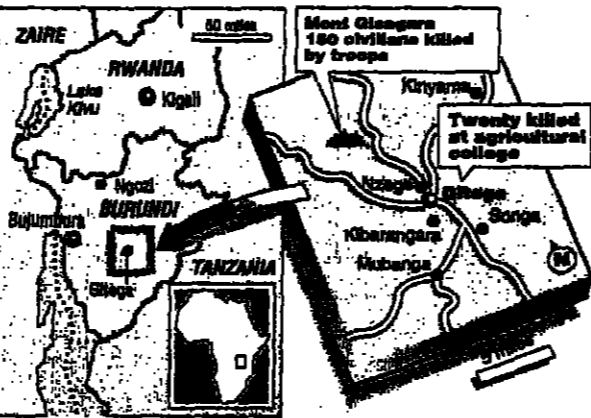
# Burundi army kills Hutu villagers in wake of coup

The military is condoning and participating in the ethnic strife, writes **Chris McGreal** in Gitega

**T**UTSI soldiers in Burundi massacred up to 150 unarmed villagers in Mont Gisagara, Gitega province, on Saturday, a day after the country's new military leader admitted "misconduct" by troops and promised to restore discipline, it was revealed yesterday.

Three days earlier, the army had watched as Tutsi students murdered at least 20 Hutu classmates at Gitega's agricultural college.

Last night there were reports of further killings in the Mont Gisagara area by the army. But it was unclear whether the military was condoning Hutu insurgents — who have infiltrated large parts of Gitega province — or was clearing the overwhelmingly Hutu population from villages to depopulate unstable areas.



Mont Gisagara: 150 civilians killed by troops. Twenty killed at agricultural college.

peacefully together in the village, but the army didn't care. Some Tutsis died with the Hutus. He said there were at least 50 confirmed deaths but the toll could be as high as 150. The bodies were swiftly buried while the rice plantation offices were still burning. When more than 800 Tutsis were murdered by Hutu rebels a fortnight ago in Bujumbura, Gitega — setting the stage for last week's military coup — the authorities left the bodies untouched for days, until pictures of the tragedy had been beamed around the world.

The army massacre was not the first such killing in Gitega last week. On Wednesday morning, Tutsi students carrying clubs and iron bars

joined civil servants on a protest march through Gitega to demand the resignation of Burundi's powerless Hutu president, who had fled to the United States embassy.

That night extremist Tutsi students at Gitega's agricultural college, who outnumbered their 45 Hutu classmates by four to one, descended on the accommodation block. Some other Tutsis hid their Hutu friends.

One Hutu student, Simon, said: "They banged on our door and shouted 'open'. I jumped out of the window and they chased me, beating me with sticks and bars. I have the scars on my back. I kept running and managed to get away. The Tutsi students were throwing grenades and

there were gunshots. Soldiers were there and they did nothing. They watched."

The government admits there were at least six killings — three men and three women — after their bodies were found. But about 20 missing students were probably shot, bludgeoned or hacked to death. Some bodies were burned in mattresses. Others were seen dumped in the river, or buried nearby.

Throughout the attack the army failed to intervene even though it had a post on the campus. The military says it did not know about the killing until it was over. City residents said the shots and grenades could be heard across Gitega. An attempt to visit the

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# Pension blow to 600,000 women

Jill Papworth and Rebecca Smithers

**M**ORE than half a million women who get divorced between now and 2000 will miss out on new rights to a share of their ex-husband's pension fund, it was revealed yesterday.

Opposition parties sparked a furious political row as they accused the Government of a "half-hearted" commitment to fair pension rights for women, and said it had been "dragged kicking and screaming" into agreeing the plan. Launching the Government's proposals for "clean break" splitting of pension rights on divorce, the Social Security Minister, Lord MacKay of Ardbrecknish, said the changes could be made law by 1998. But he said the actual implementation of pension splitting, which will give divorcees an outright share of their ex-husband's pension, could not go ahead until 2000.

A middle-aged wife was deserted by her husband only to discover she may not be entitled to a share of his pension when he retired.

A powerful cross-party alliance initially forced through changes in the Lords. Ministers had hoped these would be reversed in the Commons, but had to agree to them at the 11th hour in order to save the bill. Labour wrenched the crucial concession on pension splitting as the price for its support, allowing the legislation to receive its third reading.

As the Government does not propose to apply the new rights retrospectively, pension splitting will not be an option for the estimated 600,000 couples who get divorced in the late 1990s.

Lord MacKay claimed the delay in being able to implement pension splitting is because of the three-year modernisation of the DSS computer system in Newcastle upon Tyne, which stores National Insurance contribution records. "We really could not at the same time make the changes that would be needed to calculate Serps [the state earnings related pension scheme paid on top of the basic state pension] and split them for the considerable number of people who get divorced each year," he said.



The Newcastle marketing machine gears up after the club's signing of Alan Shearer

# Shearer scores record £15m fee

Michael Walker

**ALAN SHEARER**, the England centre forward, yesterday became the most expensive footballer in the world when he joined Newcastle United from Blackburn Rovers for £15 million.

This is £2.5 million more than the British record Liverpool paid Nottingham Forest for Stan Collymore last summer, and £2 million more than the previous world record fee, paid by A.C. Milan to Torino for Gianluigi Lentini in 1992. It confirms that England has replaced Italy as the world's richest footballing nation.

Manchester United, who won the double last season, had offered £12 million for the top scorer in this summer's Euro 96 tournament, but they were outbid by Newcastle and Shearer was happy to return to the club he once watched from the terraces. Reported wages of £25,000 for each week of his five-year contract will have also helped his decision. Kevin Keegan, the New-

castle manager, has spent £20 million on players over the past four-and-a-half years and could not contain his excitement at his latest capture. "I just love signing big players and there is none bigger than this one. It is a signing for the people of Newcastle," he said.

The signing is proof of the property that English football has suddenly discovered since the creation of the Premier League in 1992. Then a partnership of BSkyB and the BBC paid £202 million to televise matches, a contract that was replaced this summer by a deal worth £270 million over five years.

Much of the money has manifested itself in inflated transfer fees and vastly increased salaries for players.

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Sketch

# Eerie unreality on strike-hit Tube



Sarah Boseley

**D**ESCENDING an empty escalator at an Underground station in the middle of the day is a bizarre experience. I felt like an extra in one of those old sci-fi movies, where the music pounds louder and louder in time with your heartbeat as something really nasty prepares to loom out of the next tunnel.

But there was nothing much, with or without a ticket, in the echoing tunnels of Highbury and Islington Tube station on the Victoria line, which was yesterday one of the few dots on the strike-bound Underground map to host a train. Two trains in fact. And they were running all the way to Walthamstow in north east London and back — six stops in all.

The man at the ticket window was not encouraging. "Day return to Walthamstow? You know they are only every 35 to 40 minutes?" he asked testily, as if such a wait would be bound to put anybody off.

A man behind me wanted Oxford Circus, in the shopping heart of the city that was yesterday denuded of Tube trains. He walked away, muttering in incomprehension.

Beyond the barrier, there was a sort of wartime solidarity. The five passengers who had just arrived on an end up from Walthamstow paused on the stairs.

"You do know there are no trains going south?" asked one, breaking the cardinal rule of Tube travel that you do not speak to other travellers.

And there, on platform 5 — normally southbound — was a waiting train. It really was an unusual day. An elderly guard with a distinguished beard climbed into each carriage in turn. "May I inquire if you are going north?" he said with grave courtesy, making it sound like a polar expedition.

Promptly the doors closed and we were away, zipping

# Ulster rules, but no agenda

## Paisley attacks arms 'con trick'

Peter Hetherington in Belfast

**A**FTER seven weeks, almost 40 hours of informal discussions and much hand wringing, the multi-party talks on Northern Ireland's future finally produced an agreement of sorts yesterday.

Participants endorsed rules on procedure which will allow them to talk in plenary sessions — centrepiece of the whole peace process — but

they could not approve an agenda which will determine what they talk about.

"The rest of the world might say, 'My goodness, what the heck are they doing?'" said Oliver Gibson, of the Democratic Unionist Party delegation.

"But you can't make a set of rules overnight for something which has never been achieved in Britain before — unfortunately that does take 40 days and 40 nights."

Behind a high security fence in the privacy of the castle buildings at Stormont, nine parties, with the might of the British and Irish governments, attempted to put behind them the procedural minutiae and petty point scoring laced with personal abuse that would drive the average politician to distraction and voters to despair.

As the talks chairman, Senator George Mitchell, returned to the United States for the funeral of his brother — strenuously denying speculation that he is quitting as "totally false and without foundation" — the former Finnish prime minister, Einar Holkeri, tried to push the process forward.

That meant edging towards an agenda and the ever-contentious issue of arms decommissioning — crucial in Senator Mitchell's guiding six principles, to which all parties must subscribe, on non-

violence "and exclusively peaceful means of resolving political issues." But the route is proving elusive.

The Ulster Unionists and Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists want the decommissioning issue at the top of the agenda. But the nationalist Alliance Party and the small loyalist parties linked to paramilitaries believe this is an impractical ploy to rule out Sinn Féin should the two governments allow it to enter the talks if the IRA ends hostilities.

These other parties want the issue discussed later in parallel with the so-called three strands — the internal affairs of Northern Ireland, the relationship between the province and the Irish Republic and the wider relationship between Britain and Ireland.

Mr Paisley emerged from the talks last night in sombre mood, accusing the British and Irish governments of a "con trick" by putting the arms issue on the back burner to provide a route for Sinn Féin to enter the talks.

If that happened, his party would not be present.

"The people out there want decommissioning," said Mr Paisley. "They want the weapons of the terrorists and murderers out of the hands of the terrorists."

Friction between the loyalists became clearer when David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party which is linked to the Ulster Volunteer Force warned that early discussion of decommissioning would be "debilitating and could unleash widespread violence." With tension high in the province he said no

Review

# Reviving myths of Spain and Atlantis

Andrew Clements  
BBC Symphony Orchestra/de Burgos  
The Proms

**N**OT ALL the premieres of the Proms are brand new works. The suite from Manuel de Falla's "scenic cantata" *Atlántida*, heard for the first time in London at the start of last night's BBC Symphony Orchestra concert, is an attempt by the conductor, Rafael Payau, to end up from Walthamstow paused on the stairs.

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## Burundi refugee tide swells as villagers seek shelter from cycle of vengeance



A Burundi Hutu woman displaced by the fighting in Kamenge district listens to a message of peace during a church service in the capital, Bujumbura. PHOTOGRAPH: CORINNE DUFFA

# Wars fuelled by colonialism and greed

**H**UNDREDS of thousands of people have died in years of civil war in Burundi and Rwanda. The Guardian looks at the background.

**History:** Both countries are former German, and then Belgian, colonies which won their independence in 1962.

**Population:** Burundi 6 million, Rwanda 7 million, although the exact figures for Rwanda are unclear since the 1994 genocide — over a million Hutus left the country and hundreds of thousands of Tutsis were killed. In both countries, Hutus comprise 85 per cent, Tutsis 14 per cent and Twa 1 per cent.

**What is the difference between Tutsi and Hutu?** Ethnic distinction is often based on class and there is some fluidity between the two groups. Both groups often use physical appearance to judge. (Tutsis are the traditional upper class and tend to be taller, with thinner faces.) In each country everyone shares a national language.

**Origins of the current conflict in Burundi:** The Tutsi minority have controlled the army and most of the political and economic power since independence. In 1987 a Tutsi major, Pierre Buyoya, overthrew the military dictator, Jean-Baptiste Bagaza. In June 1993 the first free elections were organised by Buyoya and brought to power the first Hutu president, Melchior Ndadaye. In October 1993, Ndadaye was killed by Tutsi paratroopers in a failed coup.

**What led to last week's coup?** The Uprona party (Tutsi), with the backing of the army, forced a power-sharing government on the Frodebu party (Hutu), but



Burundi's ousted president Sylvestre Ntibantunganya

kept the upper hand. As the coup, led by Buyoya, unfolded last week forcing out Hutu President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, top Hutu politicians from Frodebu sought refuge in Western embassies.

**Roots of Rwandan conflict:** Before independence, a Belgian-backed Hutu revolution overthrew the Tutsi monarchy and hundreds of thousands of Tutsis were killed or fled into exile. Hutus remained in power until the genocide of 1994 when they tried to wipe out the Tutsis after a power-sharing arrangement with Tutsi guerrillas was resisted by extremist Hutus. In three months 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were massacred.

**Links between Burundi and Rwanda?** The Burundi coup will reinforce the determination of Hutu rebels to continue the war of attrition in both countries.

**How serious is the refugee problem?** Hundreds of thousands of Rwandan refugees, mainly Hutus, are in camps in Burundi, Tanzania

## Tutsi troops kill Hutu villagers in wake of coup

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campus was blocked by hostile Tutsi students. Soldiers looked on and then walked away.

The governor of Gitega province, Tharcisse Ntibarirana, is a Hutu and circum-spect. One of his predecessors was assassinated. Another fled to Kenya, a day after taking office.

"There was a military post on the campus itself, and there was another one 100 or 150 metres away," he said. "I don't know if they did anything to stop the killing. Even if they did intervene it was too late. It's part of this hellish cycle where people take vengeance on those who didn't commit the crime."

The killings at the agricultural college in particular have compounded the rising levels of suspicion and fear between the two communities in Gitega created by the coup.

From dawn to dusk, Tutsi soldiers are dispersed every few hundred yards along the 30-mile drive to the city from the capital, to protect it from rebel attacks. But at night the army pulls back from the road and the insurgents take over.

Most Hutus look on the coup with gloom. "It's jubilation for the Tutsis," said one prominent Hutu in Gitega. "The Tutsis are saying the army's on their side and we have to submit. Hutus are very uncertain and very worried."

## 'Bandit' car chase police instructor fined £750 after death of nurse

Owen Bowcott

**A** SENIOR police instructor who killed a nurse during an exercise to demonstrate advanced driving skills in high speed chases was yesterday fined £750 and banned from driving for six months.

PC Gerard Sharratt, based at the Metropolitan Police school in Hendon, north London, was convicted at Norwich crown court of careless driving but acquitted of causing death by dangerous driving. His Rover, which had been travelling at 100mph, hit the rear of a parked Citroen AX on the A10 at Harston, Cambridgeshire, in June last year, the court heard. Judith Hood, 27, an orthopaedic nurse at Addenbrooke's hospital was crushed to death.

Ms Hood, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, had been waiting for temporary traffic lights to change at road works. Her 7ft 3in Citroen was crushed to around 4ft.

PC Sharratt was playing the role of a "bandit" when he

rounded a left hand bend at around 100mph on the single carriageway road.

A trainee was practising pursuit techniques in the car behind.

He attempted to brake and take evasive action, but told investigators: "I couldn't do anything."

Skid marks showed the car was doing 60mph on impact.

PC Sharratt, who received the Humane Society medal for resuscitating a child at the scene of a road accident, was said by Mr Justice Blofield to

have had an exemplary record. The court heard that he suffered from a form of arthritis linked to a neck injury in the crash.

He had since been on clerical duties.

Nicholas Purnell QC, defending, said his client had been admitted to hospital for stress.

PC Sharratt, married with two children, was described as a "careful and cautious driver" and had known the road well, having carried out the same pursuit there before.

The judge told him: "You were not exercising the degree of care and attention that a careful and competent driver would exercise."

The officer's solicitors said police disciplinary procedures could result in him losing his job.

Ms Hood's brother, Tim, aged 31, a warehouse manager from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, said after the case: "This tragedy has devastated our family. We are disgusted and deeply upset by the verdict."

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As one West End lion hits at the squalor of London's theatreland, another makes a 'last' bid to raise the artistic stakes



'It looks like a garbage strike in its second month; gutters are clogged with litter, pavements are sticky with beer, urine and vomit'

Trevor Nunn

Theatre chief slams 'filthy London with no energy, no plan, no voice'

Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

FOOTBALL, rioting, BSE, corruption ... Trevor Nunn, the artistic director of the Royal National Theatre, identified another symptom of national malaise yesterday when he railed against the state of London's streets.

"London is filthy," wrote Mr Nunn, who brought Les Misérables, an everyday story of filthy Parisian folk, to the city. "The central area, particularly Shaftesbury Avenue and surrounding Soho, looks perpetually as if a garbage strike is in its second month; gutters are clogged with litter, refuse is scattered everywhere, pavements are sticky with beer, urine and vomit. What was once swinging is now stinking London."

In an article in the Evening Standard yesterday he asked: "Who of sound mind would pay money to visit such a repellent district in search of entertainment?"

He added: "Could it be that England in general and London in particular is guilty of dereliction, greed, xenophobia, contempt for the public and terminal loss of vitality? Part of the blame, he said, lay with the absence of a local authority to govern London. "London's traditional governing body was dismantled ... by Mrs Thatcher in vindictive mood. So now London has no plan, no cash, no energy, no leader and no voice. Every street has a mayor at its corner ... Every city, that is, except London."

Nives Kerra, a Croatian living in London, thought it could be worse. "London is very polluted, but it's not as

bad as Leeds," she said, sitting on a cramped strip of pavement in Soho outside La Crêperie bar, with a nice view of over-flowing rubbish bags.

Caroline, owner of La Crêperie, said: "I never put my rubbish there because it's outside my cafe. If I put it out the bags get kicked open." Pete, selling the Big Issue outside the Prince Edward Theatre, home to the musical Martin Guerre, agreed with Mr Nunn on one point: "It stinks of men's piss. But then that's not surprising as they closed all the public toilets and it costs 20p to have a piss."

Mr Nunn, however, had a solution for the rubbish plaguing the streets. "Every doorway now houses a shivering, blanket-huddled homeless person; an able-bodied, youthful, homeless person. There is an obvious equation. Here on hand is a workforce to clean up central London."

So, he said, the answer was not to impress. "It's shit, isn't it? The rubbish is a problem but there are street cleaners to clear it up."

Mr Nunn also suggested that the existence of live theatre was under threat from television, cinema and the Internet. "I fear that the diminishing of the participation as we approach the end of this Millennium will seem amount to the extinguishing of everything that's best about the human condition, our ability to recognise and share experience."

Dame Maggie Smith agreed with Mr Nunn about the state of London's Theatreland. She said it was daunting and depressing to move through groups of drunks and beggars when she was appearing at the Wyndham



Theatrical emperor Sir Peter Hall has a fittingly imposing backdrop for the announcement of his latest venture

PHOTOGRAPHS: SEAN SMITH

Hall back to basics at the Old Vic

Dan Glaister on a 'last adventure'

SIR Peter Hall set himself a new challenge yesterday. The man who founded the Royal Shakespeare Company and masterminded the National Theatre's move to the South Bank announced plans for "one last adventure", with his appointment as artistic director at the Old Vic Theatre in London.

In a move that goes against trends in West End theatre, Sir Peter is to establish a repertory company with a nucleus of 15 actors, which will specialise in classics and new plays. "We will be doing classics in a sane and rigorous way," he said.

It will be called The Peter Hall Company At The Old Vic, to avoid confusion with Sir Peter's other company, the Peter Hall Company.

The aim is to give 378 performances per season. Sir Peter will direct the classics while Dominic Dromgoole, the former artistic director of The Bush Theatre, will direct the new plays.

The guiding philosophy will be simplicity, with minimal sets enabling a fast turnaround of performances. The company will also aim for accessibility, with a top ticket price of £18. The programme, and the members of the company, remains a secret at the moment. Sir Peter said: "I have put out a lot of hooks, I've a few bites, and whether I pull anything in remains to be seen."

"We will be very small, very lean and very noisy. We don't believe in this country in companies, we believe in buildings, institutions and boards of the great and the good. The Old Vic is the cradle of all that has been important. It is a place for dreamers."

The Old Vic had spawned not only the RSC and the National, he said, but the Royal Ballet, the Royal Opera and the Royal Court.

The new company is presented by David Mirvish, in association with West End producer Bill Kenwright.

Mr Mirvish, the son of the millionaire Canadian steel owner who bought and revamped the Old Vic in 1982, said: "We recognise the world risk but ultimately we believe there is an audience."

Mr Kenwright, calling the season a "back-to-basics" exercise, said: "The West End needs a great big kick up the arse."

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Mean streets ... A Westminster council cleaner in action in Shaftesbury Avenue

Nunn's tale

TREVOR Nunn does not list any hobbies in the current edition of Who's Who, writes Dan Glaister. His life has been spent in drama, starting at the Belgrade Theatre, Coventry, before moving to the Royal Shakespeare Company at the tail end of the 1960s.

And there he stayed, until he branched out as a freelance director of opera and musicals, making his fortune directing Cats and Les Misérables.

He was born in Ipswich 56 years ago, and attended Northgate Grammar School

before going to Cambridge, where he studied under FR Leavis. After a short time at the Belgrade he was taken under the wing of Sir Peter Hall and joined the RSC.

Within four years, at 24, he succeeded Sir Peter.

Despite having no experience of running a company, he was soon acclaimed, although there were some early scares. His production of Macbeth was hailed as the best for 20 years and his Nicholas Nickleby, despite initially receiving poor reviews, went on to become one of the RSC's great shows.

In the early 1980s he moved away from straight theatre, directing Starlight Express,

Cheer, Aspects Of Love, and Sunset Boulevard, as well as Cats and Les Misérables, receiving 2 per cent of worldwide gross.

His best single earner, however, was for the lyrics to the hit song from Cats, Memories. He has been married three times, and has one son and three daughters.

His charm is legendary, giving rise to the phrase, "to be Trevor'd" — "he approaches you" emboldens you in his arms and with all the charm that is available to him, blows you apart with a very bad bit of news."

He takes up his post as artistic director of the National in January.

A chorus of deep disapproval

Lucy Manning on opinion at the stage door

Thelma Holt, independent producer

"The West End is certainly a filthy place. When I leave my office, late at night, I often disturb someone sleeping outside the door and it is rather frightful."

The solution may well be for the youth and unemployed to clear it up. There is no reason why not. If there is not the manpower to do it, then I'm sure there are a lot of unemployed who would be happy to do it."

Michael White, producer of Voyageur

"Every day I am asked by about 15 youths whether I have any change — it's getting very difficult to move."

I offered one of them a sandwich, but he just said he wanted a drink, and didn't mean Perrier.

I don't know what you do — Trevor's plan is a possibility but I'm not a social worker."

Tom Morris, director of Battersea Arts Centre

"Trevor is making a number of very important points, about theatre

investment, the need for London to have a mayor and keeping the streets clean. However, these are not all the same thing, clean streets have nothing to do with the theatre."

His comments are typical of the way people in the arts talk about the arts; they don't talk about the good things.

Cleaning up the streets will not solve theatre's problems. I don't like the idea that theatres are pristine and gleaming; heritage theatres are unlikely to be areas of rich artistic growth."

Sir Peter Hall

"The numbers of unemployed and poor living on the streets is a mark of the great Conservative success story. I didn't realise I had grown up in a country of beggars."

Richard Briers, actor

"Parts of the West End are unpleasant, but the streets have always been pretty dodgy."

There are also dreadful parking problems in the West End now, even the actors can't park.

I know what Trevor means about getting the homeless to clean the streets, but they need care, a little more compassion is required, rather than booting them out into some kind of National Service."

Shepherd may ask parents to sign child good behaviour pledges

James Mellie

PARENTS may have to sign good behaviour pledges on behalf of their children as a condition of school entry under measures being considered by the Education Secretary, Gillian Shepherd.

She may seek to incorporate the growing number of voluntary home-school contracts, under which parents, teachers and governors agree expectations about discipline, attendance, homework and education, into more formal admissions policies.

Mrs Shepherd is also likely to make compulsory the establishment and publication

of school disciplinary policies and sanctions, and intends to clarify the law over teachers' right to hold pupils back for detentions.

The package, which includes another attempt to reduce the responsibilities of schools and families over expulsions, reflect the continuing concern of teachers and ministers about the behaviour of even very young children.

The Government is keen to establish that classroom security is not only a matter of protecting teachers and children from incidents such as the death of London headteacher Philip Lawrie last year, the massacre at Dunblane in March, or the ma-

chete attack in Wolverhampton earlier this month.

Its Parent's Charter reminds families that "discipline begins at home", but Labour, which has backed the voluntary system of school contracts, recently upped the political stakes over juvenile behaviour and crime by proposing "parental responsibility" orders.

These would require parents to attend counselling and guidance sessions to help them cope with disruptive children.

Heads and governors were last night sceptical over whether the voluntary home-school agreements could be turned into formal rules which parents had to agree

before their children even started school. Some of those that have pioneered such partnerships believe they have strengthened moral obligations largely because they are not legal documents.

Admissions law might be more complicated if parents, who have a legal duty to see their children are educated suitably either at school, at home or with private tutors, also had to sign contracts. These are still far from universal.

Junior education minister Cheryl Gillan, told the Professional Association of Teachers' conference in Cheltenham yesterday the Government was "actively considering" making more

use of the contracts. She also said: "We need to look at the legal basis of detention to eliminate any doubt about schools' ability to detain pupils irrespective of parental agreement."

The National Association of Head Teachers said the present voluntary system worked well and could both prevent unnecessary conflicts and solve disputes.

Graham Lums, chairman of the education committee of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said: "It is a form of selection by interview."

Sceptics also wondered what sanctions could be imposed for those who broke admissions policies.

How things stand now

EXAMPLES of present contracts:

Primary school

School will:  encourage child to do the best it can  explain method of reading used  encourage regular meetings to discuss progress

Family will:  make sure child attends regularly  attend workshop based on work in school

agree to share stories regularly with child  attend parent, child or teacher interviews

Secondary school

Parents/guardians shall try to:  see child gets to school regularly, on time, properly equipped  let school know of problems that might affect child's work or behaviour  support school's policy and guidelines on behaviour  support child in homework and other learning  attend parents' meetings and discussions about child's progress

School will try to:

care for child's safety and happiness  ensure child achieves full potential as a valued member of school community  provide a balanced curriculum and meet individual needs  keep parents informed about general school matters and about child's progress in particular

Pupil shall try to:  attend school regularly and on time  bring all equipment needed  wear school uniform and be tidy in appearance  do all classwork and homework as well as they can  be polite and helpful to others



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Woman police chief calls for prostitution law review and decriminalisation of brothels

# New call to make brothels legal

Martin Linton

**T**HE case for decriminalising brothels won the support yesterday of a second chief constable, Pauline Clare, of Lancashire, the first woman in charge of a police force.

She added her voice to that of Keith Hellowell, chief constable of West Yorkshire, who spoke out earlier this week in favour of licensing brothels.

She said: "It is a fact of life that prostitutes have been around for many, many years and there's obviously a need for the services that they provide. I would like to see them being regulated in a way that they would be much safer."

Her police force did not always enforce the law which makes soliciting illegal. Arresting prostitutes was "not a priority for the Lancashire force," she said.

Her comments will add weight to the pressure from many senior police officers for a review of the law on prostitution which Mr Hellowell described this week as "absolve the problem of prostitution."

She endorsed her colleague's call for the licensing and regulation of brothels which would allow thorough health checks of prostitutes and even allow their earnings to be taxed.

Legalisation is also being put forward as a way of protecting prostitutes from abuse and exploitation and preventing children from becoming involved in the sex industry.

MPs and churchmen in West Yorkshire called on the rest of the country to join in a national debate on the issue.

Derek Fatchett, Labour MP for Leeds Central, said: "It seems to me that, as with drugs previously, Mr Hellowell has shown courage in bringing difficult issues to public attention."

But the two chief constables are likely to find few public figures willing to join them on the platform.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said it did not support the idea. "We believe that any decision to legalise brothels would require, at the very least, detailed investigation from those areas where

### Legal points

- A prostitute working on her own, in her own home, is within the law.
- If two or more prostitutes work from the same place it is deemed a brothel and therefore illegal.
- Under the Vagrancy Act of 1824 it is illegal to loiter or importune in a street or public place.
- Under the Street Offences Act 1959 it is illegal to solicit in a street or public place.
- Under the Sexual Offences Act of 1985 it is illegal for a man to solicit a woman for prostitution.

such a move has already taken place.

The Church of England "does not have a specific policy," according to its press officer, Steve Jenkins, and has left it to the Mothers' Union to come up with an answer.

The MU sent a team to Amsterdam to study the issue and they concluded that "the legalisation of brothels would solve the problem of prostitution."

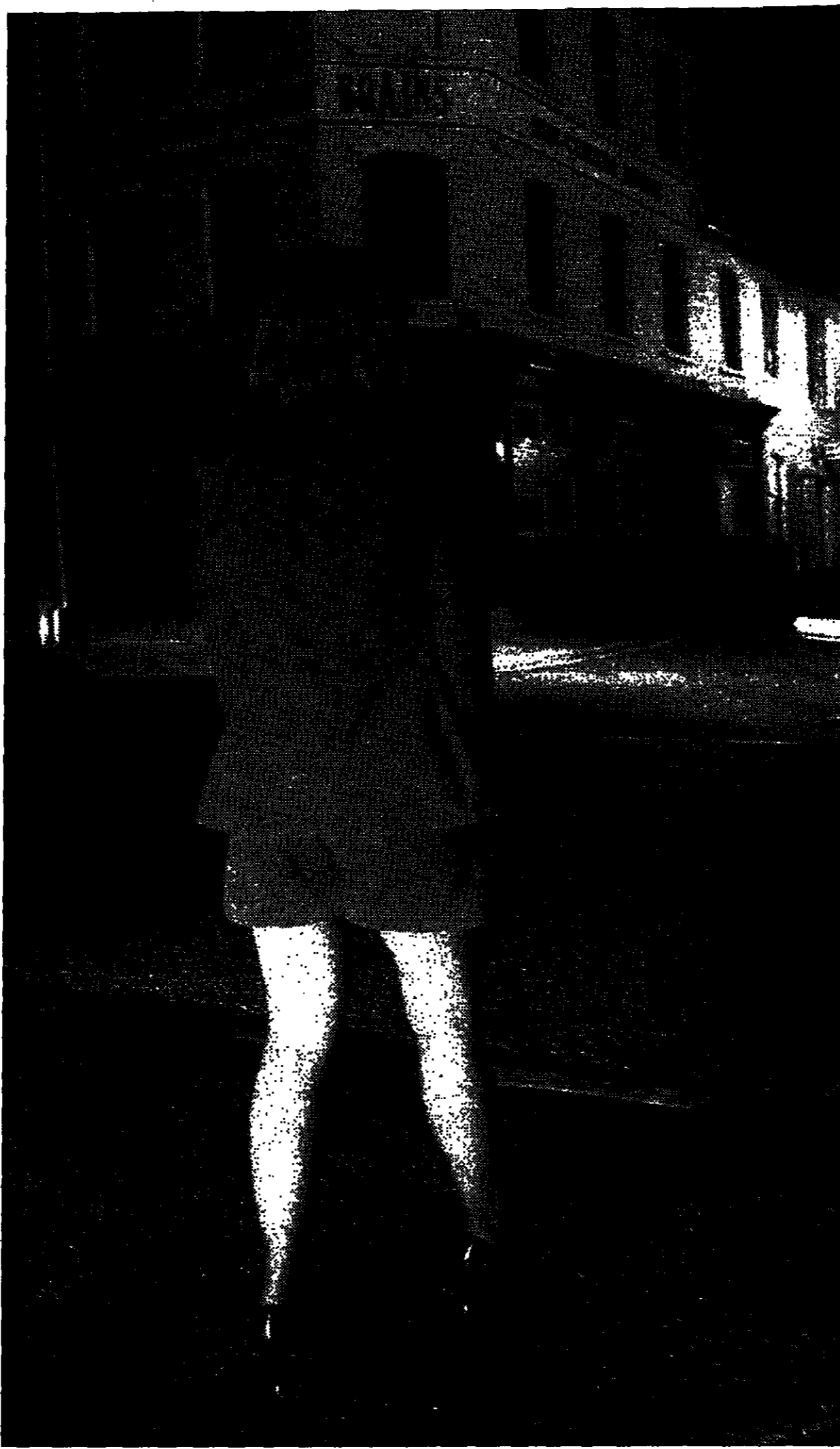
"It would create a two-tier system with legalised brothels for the healthy, but there would still be sick and under-age prostitutes on the streets."

The Methodist Conference has taken the uncompromising view that "all practices of sex which are promiscuous, exploitative or demeaning in any way are unacceptable forms of behaviour."

But the Rev Geoff Reid, of the Methodist Touchstone Centre in Bradford, who works with prostitutes, said: "We must draw a distinction between sexual morality and public policy. We might think that gambling on the horses and the dogs is morally wrong, but we have put that in a legal framework."

"We need to do the same with prostitution. That's difficult for some people to understand, but I think people who are working in the inner cities would give support to what the two chief constables have said."

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A prostitute in Cardiff. There's obviously a need for the services that they provide' PHOTOGRAPH: JEFF MORGAN

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The views of prostitutes in the King's Cross area of London:

"It's effectively legalised anyway. If it is just one girl working a flat, as long as it's not a brothel, we don't get bothered. It would be better for the girls on the street as well. They would be able to go to the police if things got out of hand."

"Yes, they should legalise it. It would help the girls and be safer. Now, they're afraid to go to the police because they're afraid of getting arrested."

"It would be bad for business if it were legal. There'd be twice as many girls out there and new shops opening up all the time. It's pretty selfish but it's bad for the rest of us."

"They'll never legalise it in this country. They're too straight. In one way I wouldn't like to see it legalised because there'd be twice as many girls working, and it wouldn't be good for business. But it would be a lot safer."

"I wouldn't mind paying tax. I paid it for 15 years when I was in a straight job. It means you could get a mortgage organised, even a pension."

"I was on the streets for 15 years. I had to give it up because my kids were getting older and I didn't want them to know what I did. But after all that time I would like to have been able to make some sort of provision for my future. If it was legal maybe I could have got a pension or something."

"It would be a lot cleaner if it was legalised. I was over in Amsterdam and all the girls there had to get a certificate to say they were clean. But even if it was legal you would still have drugs and pimps."

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## Criminals may be holding back details about road rage murder through fear, say police

**C**RIMINALS may be holding back information about the killer of a road rage victim through fear or misplaced loyalties, police said yesterday.

Stephen Cameron, aged 21 and an electrician, was buried today, two and a half months after he was stabbed during a row with another driver on the M25 near his home in Swanley, Kent.

Detective Superintendent Biddiss said: "The public response to our appeals has been excellent. There are a few individuals who, through fear or misplaced loyalties, have not come forward so far but they have information which will enable us to properly resolve this investigation."

"Some people may feel they are returning a favour or equalling an old score by protecting someone who could be involved."

Police still want to interview Kenneth Noye, 52, who has served a jail sentence for handling stolen bullion. He is believed to be abroad and beyond the powers of British police or Interpol.

Mr Biddiss said: "Kenneth Noye is a person who I would like to interview to eliminate him from our inquiries."

He dismissed speculation that Mr Cameron or his fiancée, Danielle Cable, aged 17, who was with him, may have known the assailant.

Police have interviewed several thousand people and taken some 500 statements since the murder on May 20. They have also eliminated some 2,000 Land Rover Discoveries similar to the one driven by the attacker.

At the funeral at St Mary the Virgin church Father Michael Brundie described the killing as "tragic and unnecessary" and urged society to purge itself of the cruelty and hatred which had provoked the murder.

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## Cancer inquiry at Greenham to reopen

David Fairhall

**A** GOVERNMENT inquiry into the incidence of childhood cancer around the former US air base at Greenham Common, Berkshire, is to be reopened amid allegations that a second nuclear bomb accident may have been covered up by the military authorities.

The decision to reopen the 1989 investigation of leukaemia "clusters" around Greenham by the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment has been prompted by disclosure of uranium contamination which Aldermaston scientists suspected was caused by an aircraft fire in 1968.

The committee has been charged by the Department of Health with "revisiting" the results of its 1989 investigation because at that time it was assumed that any radioactive contamination must have come from the atomic weapons research establishment at nearby Aldermaston and Burghfield, or from the nuclear laboratories at Harwell. The evidence will now be assessed "with particular regard to Greenham Common", and re-presented by January next year.

Newbury district council has meanwhile decided to launch its own investigation, hoping to reassure worried local residents and make sure it is not about to purchase a contaminated airfield from the Ministry of Defence. Steve Smyth, policy assistant to the council's chief executive, said yesterday: "We're cleared to spend up to a quarter of a million to knock this on the head once and for all."

The council had been beset by anxious people worried

about their children's health, or the effect on house prices.

Details of the council's investigation, to be carried out by a team from Southampton university headed by Ian Croudace, were given last night to a public meeting in Newbury chaired by the local MP, David Rendel. It will include a helicopter survey of gamma radiation, a ground survey using higher resolution gamma spectrometry, and the sampling of soil and vegetation.

A former US Air Force sergeant, Jerry Koger, who spent many hours fighting the fire involving a B-47 bomber in 1968, said yesterday he was "80 per cent sure" there was no nuclear weapon aboard. "I was 50 yards away when it went," said Mr Koger, now 64, married to an Englishwoman and working as a taxi driver in Newbury. "There was no bomb on that aeroplane."

However, the 1961 Aldermaston report, uncovered by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and since declassified, is explicit about the pattern of powdered uranium scientists found on the Greenham runway. CND now suggests it may have been caused by some other accident. It points to a Ministry of Defence survey, conducted two years ago with a view to selling off the redundant airfield, which found that one of the hangar floors had been resurfaced.

The method used — shot blasting followed by a coating of epoxy resin — is that recommended by the Pentagon after a nuclear accident, according to CND. It also claims that a nuclear bomber crash-landed at the base in 1963, though this could have nothing to do with any radioactive contamination found two years earlier.

## Cricket libel action 'hollow'

Wweek Chaudhary

**T**HE libel action by Ian Botham and Allan Lamb against Imran Khan was "contrived and hollow", George Carman QC, representing Imran, claimed in his closing speech at the High Court yesterday.

He asked the jury to consider whether the two approached the case with "some kind of personal agenda" and that vindication over what was allegedly said by Imran was available to them two years ago.

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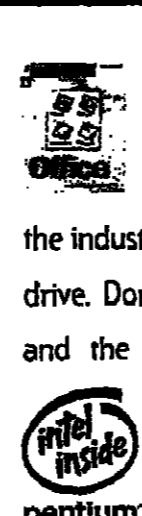
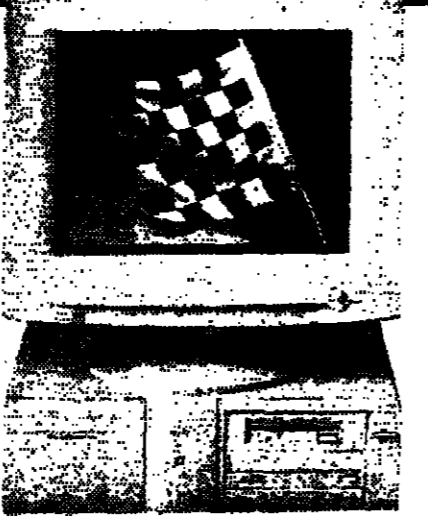
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News in brief

£1 m award for dinner women

COUNCILS were warned yesterday against cutting wages to win contracts after almost 2,000 women school meals workers were awarded more than £1 million because the former Cleveland county council cut their weekly pay by between £5 and £20 to beat private rivals when tendering to continue running the service.

BT in cable row

OFTEL, the telephone industry watchdog, has launched an investigation after BT yesterday claimed that BT was giving customers incorrect information to stop customers switching to rival cable phone companies.

Ex-soldier dies at 108

THE OLDEST man in Wales, Griffith Williams, has died aged 108. Mr Williams, of Llanfrynach, north Wales, was the oldest surviving member of the Royal Welch Fusiliers and once arrested Eamon De Valera, later president of the Irish republic, while serving in Ireland in the first world war.

Royal role for woman

FOR the first time, a woman has been appointed press secretary to the Prince of Wales, Sandy Henney, 44, formerly the prince's assistant press secretary, succeeds Allan Percival, 45, who has become the Prime Minister's deputy press secretary.

Couple on murder charge

A COUPLE appeared in court yesterday charged with the attempted murder and kidnap of Salisbury taxi driver Mark Slater and unlawfully taking or carrying him away against his will. They are also charged with unlawfully taking and carrying away six-year-old Michael Hill at Shipham, Hampshire.

Robot Jeeves for hospital

A FIVE FOOT robotic nurse comes into action for the first time at Northwick Park hospital in Middlesex this week. The electronic device, nicknamed Jeeves by staff, can be pre-programmed to carry blood, bed-pans or even a cup of tea.

Shadow cabinet 'arm-twisting' claim by Livingstone angers backbencher

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

THE Labour leadership claimed vindication yesterday, when backbencher Irene Adams denied pressure was put on her to pull out of last week's shadow cabinet elections to ensure the election of Mr Blair's "dream team". Her denial came as Labour backbenchers demanded a stronger voice through a Tory-style 1922 Committee and party leaders moved to tighten their grip over unruly members.

Although Mr Blair wanted only existing members of the shadow cabinet — plus Jack Cunningham in place of Joan Lester, who was retiring — to stand in last Wednesday's poll, he and his aides have strongly denied that pressure was put on MPs not to stand. In the event, seven left-wingers did so.

standing was "a palpable untruth", adding: "She is infuriated by the fact that her name is being used in this way." Labour's chief whip Donald Dewar is writing to three or four backbench MPs who accused the leadership of strong-arm tactics and rigging the poll for the shadow cabinet. He is said to regard left-wingers such as Mr Livingstone, Alan Simpson, Diane Abbott and Ann Clwyd as having breached party rules forbidding MPs from criticising each other publicly.

new body representing backbenchers. The Newport West MP believes a similar Labour group to the influential Tory 1922 Committee would restore backbenchers' powers to initiate and shape laws on controversial issues. A Labour government would be reluctant to tackle. He highlighted matters such as legalising cannabis for medicinal purposes, the future of the monarchy and prostitution. But Mr Flynn denied the plan represented a challenge to Mr Blair's leadership.

of a statutory minimum wage under a Labour government is set to flare up again at the Trades Union Congress, with two of the three largest unions tabling demands for a rate of more than £4 an hour, writes Suzanne Miller. The preliminary agenda for the Blackpool congress, published today, reveals that the public services union Unison will press the TUC to back an hourly rate of £4.26 — using the formula of half male median earnings — while the GMB general union wants "more than £4".

Blair finds critics on the left good at media game

Michael White Political Editor

WHEN Alan Simpson realised that he was earning a place on Tony Blair's nuisance list he claimed to be surprised. "Why me?" the secretary of the Campaign Group of left-wing Labour MPs asked. Several weeks later the picture is clearer. In the Sun on July 2, for example, the Labour MP for Nottingham South wrote an article headlined "How can Labour MPs be loyal to Blair's 'Tory' policies?" He argued that 17 years in opposition had sapped Labour's confidence and commitment to the poor.

Mr Simpson did in another Sun column. Nor should they succumb to headline-grabbing phrases as Ken Livingstone did when he likened last week's shadow cabinet elections to those near-unanimous affairs in the old Soviet Union. Secondly, don't do it in the Tory tabloids. Mr Livingstone used the Mail on Sunday; Mr Simpson the Sun.

"It won't help Labour if our manifesto pledges are laced with good intentions, but few commitments," he told a target audience of potential Labour voters which — as left-wing MPs are quick to point out — Mr Blair himself has wooed assiduously. The offence of Mr Simpson and like-minded MPs in the eyes of loyalists is twofold. If they criticise changed policies they should do so carefully and not accuse the leadership of planning to abolish child benefit in its entirety, as

But, worst of all, Mr Livingstone and Mr Simpson are both rather good at playing the modern media game. Their offence is compounded in a leadership encourage which prides itself on New Labour style and regards a clumsy Old Labour attack as a bonus. The left has a case: that a jittery leadership does not relish public candour so close to an election. The leadership's case is that MPs should exercise more self-discipline. It's not good enough to accuse shadow ministers of intimidating colleagues from standing in last week's election. But, says the left, it's true. Maybe, but why does the Sun or Mail on Sunday offer left-wingers a platform? That is the "unholy alliance" which Blair complained of on Sunday.



Alan Simpson... Blair loyalists irked at his use of Tory tabloid PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK MARTIN

Alternative manifesto denied by Redwood

Rebecca Smithers and Mark Tran in New York

JOHN Redwood, the former Tory leadership challenger, denied yesterday he was planning to embarrass John Major by publishing an alternative election manifesto. But he made it clear he intends to continue to influence Conservative policies in key areas such as tax and Europe. The former Welsh Secretary, who is in the US on a nine day tour, said in a statement: "I read that I am to publish an alternative manifesto. That is untrue. It is not possible to do so when the proper document has neither been written nor published. I will continue to contribute to the debate on taxation, Europe, and the unsustainability of Labour to govern." He admitted that, like a lot of Conservatives, "I am in the business of influencing the manifesto."

Minister blocks fuel jetty plan

Paul Brown Environment Correspondent

A LAST-minute intervention by the Welsh Secretary, William Hague, prevented Pembrokeshire county council giving permission yesterday for a new jetty at Milford Haven to import the controversial orimulsion bitumen fuel. The intervention follows the Sea Empress tanker disaster in January, which raised fears that a tanker which sank with orimulsion on board would cause even greater environmental damage. Orimulsion, a thick and toxic liquid, would sink to the sea bed and kill marine life.

that the special meetings called to consider the application were cancelled as "pointless." The future of the project is now in doubt, with Mr Hague likely to refer the jetty proposal to a public inquiry. The power station, which is an expensive oil burner, was mothballed in April pending the decision. If planning permission is not given by next May, the owners, National Power, say it will be shut.

Controversy has surrounded the proposal since the privatisation of the electricity industry, when plans to burn cheap orimulsion from Venezuela were first announced. After a series of battles, the company agreed to install flue gas desulfurisation to prevent acid rain, burners to take out nitrous oxides, and electrostatic precipitators to remove dust. Local councils had approved the plan and so had the Environment Agency.

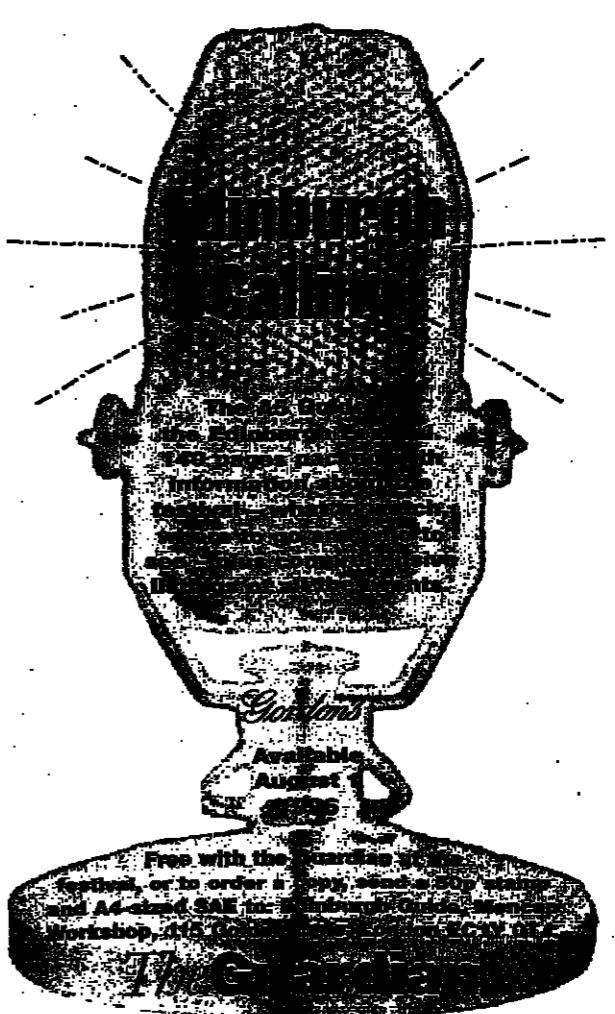
Southern Water to fight drought with UK's first desalination plant

Paul Brown

THE first desalination plant in Britain is to be built in the South-east, where a 15-month drought is threatening fresh water supplies. Plants which remove salt water to make it suitable for drinking are normally only used in the water-starved Middle East, where oil to fuel them is cheap and plentiful. Southern Water, which is to install a pilot plant in Sandwich, Kent, will use water contaminated with salt from an underground supply at Eastry, about three miles south of Sandwich. It will produce about 16 million litres a day. The water is far less sa-

line than the sea and is contaminated because of old mine workings in the area drawing in salt water from the coast. It is because the water has only about a tenth as much salt as the sea that it may prove commercially viable. Stuart Derwent, Southern Water managing director, said: "With technology improving all the time these processes become cheaper. We believe the time is right to evaluate desalination."

If it proves economic other plants could be installed elsewhere on the coast in Kent, Sussex, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. "If global warming is here, these droughts are going to happen more often," Mr Derwent said.



She has a charm that prompted Aneurin Bevan to flirt with her, Michael Foot to hint (erroneously) at past romance and even Harold Wilson to risk one chaste, fumbling kiss. Mary Ridell on Barbara Castle

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## Beijing joins moratorium after underground blast

# China raises hopes for test ban treaty

Owen Bennett-Jones in Geneva

THE final session of negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear test ban treaty started in Geneva yesterday immediately after a Chinese underground test, and amid fears that China and India could block consensus on the current draft text.

Sha Zukang, China's chief negotiator, arrived in Geneva saying other delegations should not be disconcerted by Beijing's decision to conduct a nuclear test hours before the talks restarted. "They should welcome it, because China's testing is now over," he said.

Immediately after the test, Beijing announced it would join the other four declared nuclear powers in abiding by a voluntary moratorium on nuclear testing.

But Mr Sha said the moratorium did not mean China was ready to sign the treaty. "We still have a series of concerns, such as the provisions concerning on-site inspections," he said.

The United States voiced its regret over the nuclear test, but welcomed China's announcement that it will now abide by the moratorium.

China is trying to limit the

right of other countries to order on-site inspections when there is a suspicion that a test has been carried out in violation of the treaty.

The United States, Russia, France and Britain say they are ready to sign an agreement without further negotiations. They fear that if China re-opens one aspect of the draft text then everyone else will want to discuss parts of the treaty with which they are dissatisfied.

"I hope we can all agree the current text within hours," said Grigory Berdennikov, the Russian ambassador to the talks.

That looks like a forlorn hope, India is making it increasingly clear it is prepared to block the treaty and thereby force negotiations to continue indefinitely. The Indians say the draft text does not contain firm commitments to the global elimination of nuclear weapons.

The big five nuclear powers have resisted any suggestion that they should commit themselves to the elimination of nuclear weapons within a fixed time-scale.

India is also concerned about the so-called entry into force provision, which has been backed by Britain, Russia and China. This states that the treaty will not become binding until a specified

list of countries, including India, signs it.

"This is totally, absolutely unprecedented in international law and it's unacceptable to us," said Arundhati Ghose, the Indian ambassador.

India fears that if everyone else signs, then pressure will grow for New Delhi to join so the treaty can become internationally binding.

Diplomats in Geneva believe India calculates that it will be less damaging to block the treaty now than try to resist pressure to sign in the years to come.

The threat of an Indian block is being taken seriously. Sources close to the negotiations say John Major has agreed to back down on the entry into force requirement if such a move is needed to save the negotiations. But it is thought unlikely that Russia and China will follow suit.

Britain and the US are working on ways to circumvent an Indian block. They are trying to come up with procedural methods of getting a treaty text to the United Nations General Assembly by the September deadline whatever India does.

"I am sure it could be done," said Sir Michael Weston, the British ambassador. "You can do most things in the General Assembly."

# Korean floods could usher in new famine

John Gittings

NORTH KOREA has been hit by torrential rains only a year after floods devastated crops and brought millions close to starvation.

Officials in the capital Pyongyang have called for efforts to prevent damage from great flooding, saying that up to 20 inches of rain has fallen over two days in parts of the country near the 38th parallel.

"Unexpected floods caused heavy losses of human lives," the official news agency said yesterday, and "seriously damaged vast areas of the country." More than 60 people have already died across the border in South Korea, where towns and villages north of Seoul remained submerged under dark muddy water yesterday.

The North's faltering economy was shaken by last year's floods, which led to an unprecedented appeal for foreign aid. The latest rains have hit some of the same areas as last year, including parts of the western rice belt in North and South Hwanghae provinces. The port of Nampo and the border city of Kaesong were also badly affected.

Recent visitors to the North say famine has so far been avoided by rationing and strong social discipline. But calorie intakes are at a minimum and there is severe deprivation.

In Rome the World Food Programme has announced that it is expanding its emergency food aid operation in North Korea to feed 1.5 million people.

Distribution is being expanded to include more than 500,000 children under the age of five, who are most vulnerable to malnutrition brought on by cuts in state food deliveries. The WFP will also continue to supply 500,000 of last year's flood victims, and another 550,000 farmers and their families who are reclaiming damaged land.

In a bizarre episode yesterday at the border village of Panmunjom, a North Korean soldier who had been swept by the floods through the demilitarised zone and into the South was returned home shouting "Hooray for our Dear Leader Kim Jong-Il".

Released after questioning by South Korean investigators, he was carried out of sight on the shoulders of cheering North Korean troops.

In the same village locals later watched a ceremony to hand over a casket containing the remains of a United States pilot shot down in the Korean war and now returned by the North.

The remains were the first discovery by a 10-member US team operating in North Korea. The team's presence in the country is seen as a fresh sign of gradually improving relations between the US and North Korea, but its neighbours agree that an abrupt collapse of the Kim Jong-il regime could destabilise the East Asian region.

Two years after succeeding his father Kim Il-sung, Kim Jong-il has still not assumed the full titles of party and state leader, and speculation continues about the strength of his political grip on the country.

This month the Pyongyang media referred to him as General Kim, publishing a message which he sent in his role as supreme commander of the armed forces. Officially labelled "Order No 001", it congratulated soldiers and workers on building a new hydroelectric system of canals and reservoirs in the Kumgang mountains of the south east.

But no statement by the "Dear Leader" on the floods or food shortages has been published.



Mother's double first... Chicochima, a chimpanzee at Rishon LeZion zoo, Israel, cuddles her new-born 14oz baby, her first birth and the first chimp to be born at the zoo, yesterday

# Jakarta's traders wary after riots

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Jakarta

INDONESIAN authorities have started a hunt for culprits behind weekend riots that posed one of the most violent challenges yet to President Suharto's rule, but they face a delicate task trying to restore confidence in a jittery business community.

As the city returned uneasily to work, authorities said they may call in the key opposition figure Megawati Sukarnoputri for questioning. After meeting President Suharto, the co-ordinating minister for political and security affairs, Susilo Sudarman, suggested "a third hand", linked to communist subversives, was involved in the violence.

Police say three people died in the upheavals - two accidentally and one from a brain concussion and 54 were injured. Rioters destroyed or damaged 34 buildings and burnt 134 vehicles.

Amid persistent but unsubstantiated rumours of many more deaths, Indonesia's national human rights commission launched its own investigation yesterday into the number of people killed, injured or missing.

Although most of Jakarta was quiet yesterday, with small numbers of troops deployed in the riot areas and

near banks and hotels, bomb threats to eight buildings kept nerves on edge.

Many Indonesian Chinese, particularly sensitive to the threat of political turbulence, stayed away from their offices yesterday. "They are very jittery about what's going on," a business analyst said.

Others also expressed concern that the cumulative effect of recent political shocks and increasing uncertainty over Indonesia's stability in the run-up to next year's sensitive elections will undermine growth in a country whose economic indicators are otherwise healthy.

The Jakarta stock exchange fell more than 5 per cent when it opened yesterday and although it made up some of the loss later in the day to finish 3.7 per cent down, gloomy brokers predicted further heavy selling when American markets opened. Added to losses on Friday, the exchange has dropped close to 6 per cent in two days.

The repeated references the security chiefs are making to the role of communists in the riots indicates that the government is unlikely to acknowledge pent-up anger at the regime. "They are using old thinking to look at the problem," said one business analyst yesterday.

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# Iran raid strengthens grip on northern Iraq

David Hirst in Beirut

IRANIAN armed forces said yesterday they had concluded their military operations deep inside the West-annexed Kurdish enclave of northern Iraq. The raid represented an almost contemptuous display of Iran's steadily growing influence in the region.

According to reports from Kurdistan, up to 2,000 Revolutionary Guards entered Iraqi territory on Saturday night at various points and converged on the historic town of Kolsinjak, 50 miles from the frontier.

Refugees were reportedly still fleeing their advance yesterday. Their objective was to destroy an anti-Iranian Kurdish resistance camp. Exiled Iranian Kurdish leaders and their families were living there under the nominal protection of Iraqi Kurds.

Iran recently accused them of attacks inside Iranian territory. It claimed yesterday they had killed dozens of "counter-revolutionaries" in its offensive.

The raid shows that Iran is now the main player in the "liberated" Kurdish territory which the Western allies have been protecting from the air since the Gulf war.

US policies toward Saddam," said a pro-Western Iraqi politician. "Operation Provide Comfort has come to mean providing a platform for the mullahs to do as they please."

Among other things, the mullahs can give whatever support they choose to anti-Turkish Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) guerrillas, strongly entrenched in the enclave.

They are also well placed to deny the United States a part in managing President Saddam's overthrow and shaping the succession.

Ayatollah Bakr Hakim, the Iranian-backed Iraqi opposition leader, yesterday confirmed reports that President Saddam recently foiled a US-Jordanian military putsch against him.

The real meaning of his statement is the message it conveys to the US: if you have the right to try and overthrow Saddam, so does Iran - and better means too," said the pro-Western Iraqi politician.

The fratricidal struggle between the two main Kurdish parties - Massoud Barzani's Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and Jalal Talabani's Patriotic Union of Kurdistan - gave Iran its great opportunity in northern Iraq.

has tentacles, from humanitarian missions to intelligence bureaux, all over the north.

The latest raid merely underlines the extent of its ascendancy over all Kurdish factions.

"The Iranians are emulating the Turks," said the opposition politician. "The difference is that whereas the Turks need 30,000 men, and air cover to penetrate 20 miles, they can penetrate 50 miles with 2,000 men and a few 81mm mortars."

The Iranian thrust almost certainly heralds more gains for the PKK. Iran is working closely with Syria, a key PKK sponsor which has also made inroads into northern Iraq.

The KDP was recently trying to fight the PKK, unsuccessfully, on Turkey's behalf. In despair it has switched its affections to Damascus.

The deep-seated reluctance by the US to embark on an active anti-Saddam policy from the north is at the root of its loss of influence in the region to Iran.

But however alarming that may be, it cannot frighten the Kurdish factions back into line by threatening to end Operation Provide Comfort (its mandate is expected to be renewed this week by increasingly reluctant Turks). For that would be a huge triumph for President Saddam.

# Australia may cut off aid to Vanuatu over scam

AP in Canberra

AUSTRALIA has warned Vanuatu it may cut off aid unless its government clears up a \$70 million financial scam allegedly perpetrated by an Australian.

The High Commissioner, Alan Edwards, had warned that Australian aid of \$5.4 million a year could be cut unless the recommendations of Vanuatu's ombudsman were carried out, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation said.

"The only action we can take would be to cut back

our aid programme," Mr Edwards told ABC. "And one half of your mind is saying you don't want to punish innocent people who are not responsible for this scam, on the other hand people will be concerned at what seems to be a fairly evident case of bad administration."

Earlier this month the Vanuatu ombudsman, Marie-Noelle Patterson, recommended the sacking of the Reserve Bank governor, the finance minister and the finance secretary after reporting that the island faced bankruptcy.

She also recommended that Vanuatu's president should reprimand the prime minister, Maxime Carlot-Korman.

An Australian, Peter Swanson, has been charged in Vanuatu's Supreme Court with making false representations to the country's Reserve Bank. He is accused of obtaining 10 bearer bank guarantees, amounting to \$10 million each.

The ombudsman has warned that the issuing of the guarantees has exposed Vanuatu to bankruptcy should they be cashed.



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# EU patience runs out in Mostar

Julian Borger in Mostar

INTERNATIONAL mediators are due to meet today in Mostar as part of last-ditch efforts to save the European Union's peace mission in the divided city against a backdrop of violent incidents between Croats and Muslims across Bosnia.

EU officials say they are ready to leave Mostar within hours if talks fail to achieve a power-sharing compromise in the city administration by a Saturday night deadline.

Their departure would signal the failure of the EU's two-year attempt to reunify the city. It would further unravel the Croat-Muslim federation and jeopardise the Bosnian peace settlement.

But the EU mediators in Mostar say it is up to the Croatian government in Zagreb to persuade local Croat nationalists to co-operate with Muslims in a joint city administration elected by a municipal poll in June.

Croatia's president, Franjo Tudjman took a defiant stand at the weekend. "We will not be pressured into accepting solutions which would be humiliating... or against the interests of Croatia and Croats," he told a crowd of young Croatian nationalists.

The Mostar Croats say they are boycotting the city assembly — in which Muslim-led parties won a majority — because of a discrepancy in the counting of refugee votes in Germany. The EU administration and the UN government have argued that only a handful of votes were involved and did not affect the outcome.

Mediators have put forward a compromise asking the Croats to attend only one joint session to elect a mayor before the case is decided by the federation's supreme court, and have offered the Croats the right of veto on all council decisions.

The compromise was rejected last week by the Mostar Croats. They have been given until Saturday night to change their minds.

Michael Steiner, the international community's deputy high representative in Bosnia, warned that if Croat nationalists failed to comply, UN police backed by Nato troops would move into the city to back the newly elected council.

But the UN police only have a monitoring mandate in Bos-

nia and it is unclear what role they could play in the face of hostile local police in Croat-run west Mostar.

The Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, warned last week that the collapse of the federation threatened to trigger a new interethnic conflict.

Tensions on federation-controlled territory have escalated alongside the rhetoric. In Prozor, the central Bosnian town where the Croat-Muslim war ignited in 1993, suspected Croat extremists tried to burn down the surviving mosque.

In apparent retribution, part of a Catholic church was blown up in Muslim-controlled Bugojno.

Muslim houses were torched in Croat-controlled Stolac earlier this month and in the southern town of Livno over the weekend, halting attempts to resettle Muslims in the area.

In an unrelated incident, an explosive punched a hole yesterday in the bridge linking the north-western Bosnian town of Velika Kladusa with Croatia, Nato officials said.

Mr Steiner is due to arrive in Mostar today for talks with the EU special envoy, Sir Martin Garrod, the British diplomat. There are unconfirmed reports that Mr Izetbegovic might also make an appearance on the first train out of Sarajevo since May 1992.

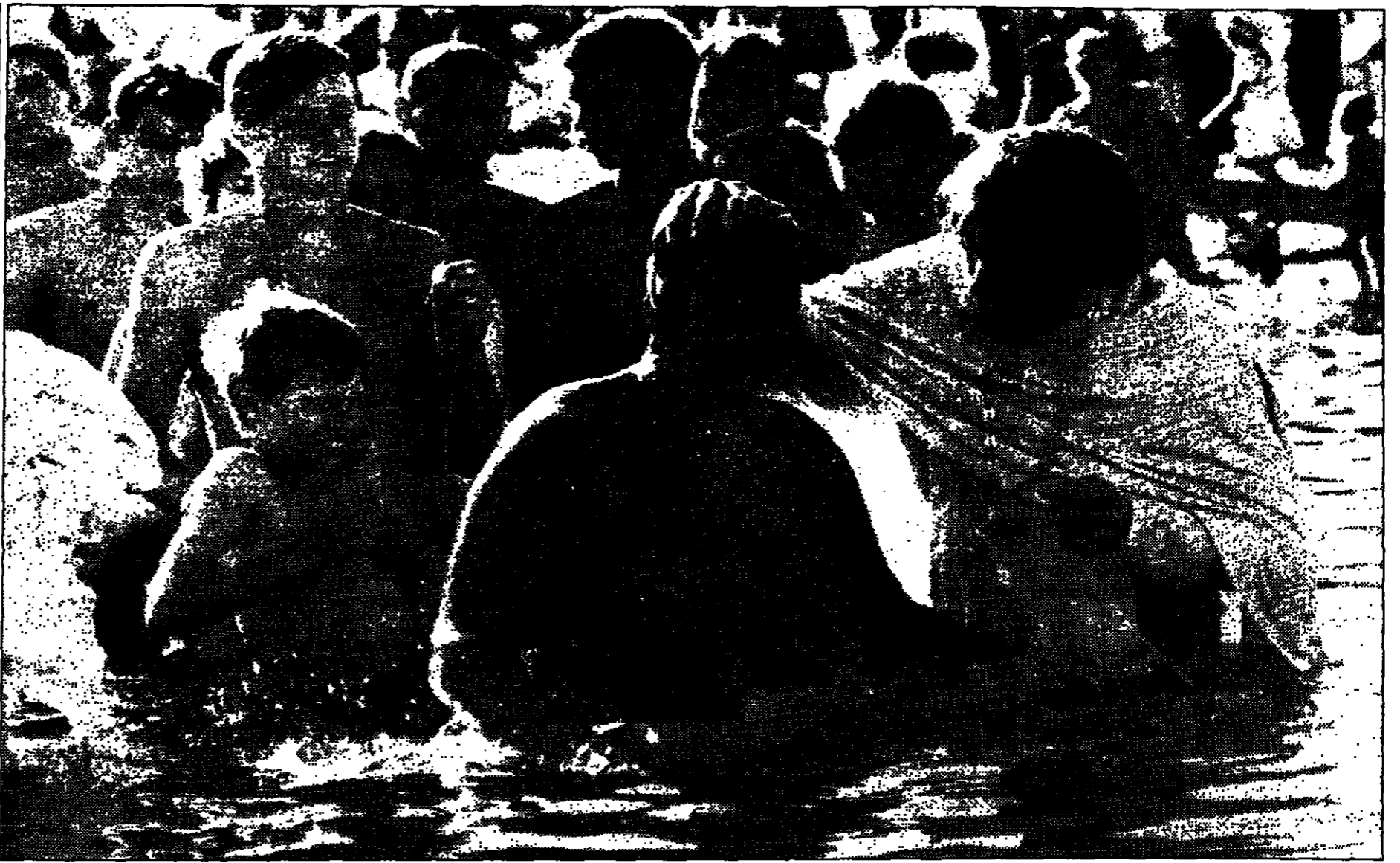
A European official in Mostar said failure to oblige Croat nationalists to accept the unification of the city could torpedo international hopes of uniting the country back together, with national elections on September 14.

"If we leave, what message is it going to give to Serb separatists?" the official said. "If we go because one side refuses to accept the result of the polls, that would be a very, very serious message for the September elections."

The official said Croatia could face political and economic sanctions if it failed to bring the Mostar Croats into line by the weekend.

Mr Steiner blamed right-wing Croat mafias in west Mostar, who profit from smuggling across the ethnic divide, for blocking the city's reunification.

The US will begin to replace some of its peace implementation troops in Bosnia with mobile military police units from August 2, a US army official told the Hungarian news agency MTI yesterday.



A priest baptises 130 people in the Crimean sea near the place where Prince Vladimir, who introduced Christianity into Russia, was baptised in 988. PHOTOGRAPH: SERGEY VOLKOV

## World news in brief

### Strasbourg defies DHL

STRASBOURG residents said yesterday they would stop paying their council tax unless the parcel carrier, DHL, withdrew plans to run night flights out of the city's airport, writes Alex Duval Smith in Paris.

The threat of a tax strike over noise pollution came despite a pledge last week from the US parcel carrier to create 550 jobs and invest Fr300 million (\$37.5 million) in the new depot, due to open in October.

Since the DHL announcement last Monday some 3,000 opponents of the scheme — initially involving two night flights, rising to 17 within 10 years — have signed petitions. After demonstrations at the weekend, the town's mayor has agreed to launch an impact study.

### One dead in Algeria blast

A home-made bomb exploded in a crowded cafe opposite a police station in the Chateaufort area of Algiers yesterday, killing one person and wounding 10 others, the government news agency APS reported.

Explosions, car bombs, and attacks on civilians, have increased in the past two weeks in Algiers, a stronghold for GIA (the Armed Islamic Group), a militant organisation waging a subversive campaign against the army-backed government. — AP.

### Uganda killings

Lord's Resistance Army rebels killed a girl, aged 13, and burned to death a two-year-old baby boy in a raid on Laliya, a northern Ugandan village, the army said yesterday. The baby boy died in his

### Cleese back together with Michael Palin

William Perry, the United States defence secretary, left for Saudi Arabia yesterday to discuss the protection of US troops from further terrorist attacks, Clinton administration officials said. — Reuter.

### War of anthems

Drunken Dutch and German tourists at Lloret de Mar, on the Spanish coast, got into a singing war of national anthems that came to blows, landing one in hospital and three in detention, police said. — Reuter.

### Cleese reshoot

John Cleese's film *Fierce Creatures* has flopped with American audiences and is being refilmed. It brings Mr

### Cocaine haul

Police said in Caracas yesterday that they had seized 1,100lbs of cocaine and arrested four former or serving Venezuelan government officials. — Reuter.

### Chechens warned

Russian aircraft dropped leaflets on the Chechen village of Mairtap yesterday, telling residents to expel the rebels or face bombing. — Reuter.

### Forest fire

A forest fire swept towards Marmaris, a Turkish Mediterranean holiday resort yesterday, covering tourists in falling ash and creating panic. It destroyed 3,200 acres of woodland. — Reuter.

## Maharishi's yogic flyers claim they can put the world to rights

Jeremy Lovell in Brussels

INTERNATIONAL squadrons of yogic flyers are to be formed by 50 Natural Law Parties from around the world.

The special squadrons, which will focus on generating peace and harmony around the globe, were approved yesterday at the third annual congress of the Maharishi Council of Natural Law Parties in Brussels.

Reinhard Borowitz, secretary-general of the council, claimed a group of 7,000 Yogic Flyers could, by beaming their positive thoughts collectively, solve global problems, generate peace and harmony, cut crime, prevent wars and even generate economic growth.

One of the first yogic flying squadrons will be set up in Belgium to transmit positive vibes to the headquarters of the European Union, which Mr Borowitz says is in deep trouble.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with the European Union. It exists on paper but not in fact because you cannot force 465 million people to think the same way, act the same way and like the same things," he said.

Mr Borowitz claimed the Natural Law Party was the ideal group to save the EU because it is the only political party with branches in every EU state.

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the founder of the Natural Law Party, lent his support to the idea via a satellite link to the congress. — Reuter.

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### Diary Matthew Norman

I AM distressed to note that Labour leader Mr Tony Blair has been compelled to deny in a Sunday newspaper that he is in any way an authoritarian. How irksome to be pressurised by naughty old rebels — some of them so maddened by arrogance, they think they can speak publicly on matters of principle! — into stating what is so obvious. The timing is especially irritating, since it has deflected Mr Blair from putting the finishing touches to a document that will reform the Parliamentary Labour Party. The document is New PLP, New Discipline, New Labour, New Britain, New Jersey Turnpike — remains strictly confidential, but a draft has somehow leaked. Much of it is unconcerning. No one will argue with Rule 4.3, which states: "Any member discovered near the Member for Brent East's office [that's Ken Livingstone] without the requisite forms signed and triplicate will be liable to the slipper (six blows, pants down) and a three-hour detention in the Member for Har-deepoo's Millbank Class of Correction." Tomorrow, we examine policy on fingernail inspections, smoking in the vicinity of bicycle storage, and the restoration of fagging.

IN health news from the Orient, it was reported last week that Japan is gripped by an epidemic of food poisoning. Seven have died from the mysterious bacteria E coli, while some 9,000 are currently ill. The bug's cause is unknown, but government scientists are questioning Japanese eating habits. What better moment, then, for the Daily Mail's front page to guide us excitedly towards a spread inside, with the enticing thought: "The Japanese Diet... The Amazing New Way To Get Into Shape." But into which shape, exactly? A coffin?

IN the Sunday Times, international playboy Andrew Neil (Cannes, Verbier and Aspen, Colorado) has his twopenny about the monarchy, sacking as editor of the Observer, noting that his protégé was not given "the bad news to his face; the deed was done on the telephone." The bon viveur's outrage is easy to comprehend when we learn that, as an editor himself (he is famously loath to mention it, but Andrew once ran the Sunday Times), he eschewed using the phone to give bad news. Sometimes, indeed, he eschewed any human contact at all. One "Wappalton" has written a letter that went: "In these circumstances, I must tell you that you are dismissed with immediate effect. Your P45 will follow shortly." In a sudden attack of emotion, Andrew added a personal flourish: "If there are any questions about pay or expenses," concluded the old scribe, brushing a tear from his tawny cheek, "please contact Peter Roberts."

THE epic dispute with Michael Winner over whether or not he claimed on TV that his mother "was suing me for 10 years" reaches a climax. Michael has seen the interview at last, and has sent a lengthy letter on the subject. However, having devoted 10 days to its constant study, I cannot claim that the document has yet yielded up its nuances. For Michael appears both to admit and to deny having said it. In what may have been a brave but ultimately doomed bid for clarity, he includes definitions of the verb "to sue" from three different dictionaries, ending that "the meaning to sue for peace obviously does not apply here". It is too confusing. I am sending copies to cryptologists in the intelligence services and to linguists at some of our finest universities in the remote hope that they may be able to help.

IN the struggle for public confidence, train operator Railtrack has made a breakthrough. It concerns a railway bridge in Breakspoor Road, Ruslip, which has a huge crack running up its wall. "We know the bridge looks dangerous and about to collapse," says spokeswoman Susan Milne. "There are no plans to carry out repair work due to more pressing commitments."



## Black hole in Blair's green agenda

### Commentary Hugo Young

AT THE Labour Party conference in October, Chris Smith will make the platform speech on health. Health is the third subject he has handled in two years. Last year he orated on National Heritage. Shortly after that, he was switched to Social Security, a complex brief he began to master but one with which he hasn't stayed long enough to make the speech. Before that again, he addressed the conference on a fourth subject, environmental protection. Mr Smith has been a man of CV moves for his manoeuvrability than for the leadership's constancy on any of these issues.

Of his shifts, the most significant in power terms is the latest. The only reason for removing him from social security and replacing him with Harriet Harman is to ensure that Gordon Brown is left in unchallengeable control. Ms Harman, unlike Mr Smith, will be Mr Brown's puppet not his equal. But the most politically suggestive message in the odyssey derives from the first of Smith's jobs. In 1994, he made an environmental speech that counted. Since then, there's been no speech like it. The environment has receded from view. New Labour, New Black Hole. With Michael Meacher now in charge, it may even be thought to have slipped behind Overseas Development in the shadow hierarchy.

The years have not been empty. The new Clause Four enshrines an environmental commandment, which helped it win support from party activists. Tony Blair made a big speech in February, which had thoughtful things to say and cautious but studiously avoided specific commitments and hard choices. Indeed, part of its purpose was to suggest that jobs and greenery were not necessarily in contradiction. Blair seemed more to show that Labour wouldn't let air-quality issues compromise its jobs programme than to prove himself a fiery prophet of the cause that now attracts, under one guise or another, more pressure-group interest than any other.

Into the portfolio, meanwhile, slipped Frank Dobson. This would appear to be an area where Old Labour and New experience little disagreement. Mr Dobson's most prolific interests have been water, housing, fat cats and party politics. He hasn't entirely neglected pollution, and is commendably keen on pointing out that technology in this area is a job-maker not a job-destroyer. But in two years he hasn't made a speech on climate control or bio-diversity, the big issues that grip the world. A computer-trawl through the libraries of the broad-sheet press draws a blank where "Dobson" and "Greenhouse" intersect, though he would put that down to persistent neglect of his numerous press releases taking John Gummer, the minister, apart.

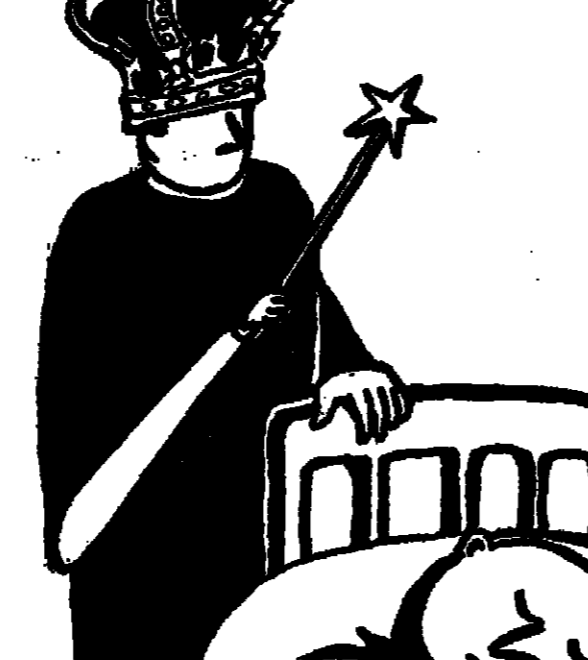
More instructive than the absences of Mr Dobson, an unshamed hard-nosed pragmatist, are the silences of The Road To The Manifesto, the party's definitive strategy statement. This contains 10,000 words. Perhaps 200 of them touch on environmental questions. The shortfall tells something real about the trajectory of the government-in-waiting. In February, Mr Blair took a holistic view of the politics of environment. The debate, he said, touched the quality of life in all its aspects. He urged the case against excessive dooms, but also insisted this was a subject reaching right through the governing agenda. July, however, did not bear this out. The opening chapter of the pre-manifesto is full of sweeping statements, at just the level of painless generality that could easily accommodate environmental pledges. The total absence from even these grand, faintly vaporous, declarations is a reminder of where the issue sits in the Labour mind. After that, it's not surprising that the more detailed passages are almost as exiguous. They should not go unnoticed. Lengthy discussion of the many trade-offs concerning growth and jobs and tax and services omits any reference to the environmental dimension. Elsewhere, there are dutiful pledges to protect the natural world and make the polluter pay. But this is emphatically not a document that hoists the environment from the margins to the centre of policy.

ACCOSTED with this, the high command pleads future good intentions. There's apparently a big document coming on industrial policy, which will bring in the environment and bio-diversity as truly serious, or it does not. Labour's instinctive pro-governing state of mind seems to show that it does not. Either you acknowledge that there are real choices to be made — between the freedom to drive and the freedom to breathe, for example — or you convince yourself that both driv-

ing and breathing can be accommodated unchanged without discomfort to either, and spurn as extremists the green lobby who say different. Although politics is the art of the possible, some choices are not avoidable. The only question is when they begin to be made. Making them in the right way requires a certain passionate commitment. The environment will be nothing if it does not begin to resemble a cause with the attributes of religion. Perhaps it is no coincidence that Mr Gummer, a man of the public cloth, brings religious fervour to the conduct of his ministry. Against massive odds and lobbies, he has moved to reverse the trend to out-of-town shopping malls. He zealously preaches for good climatic practice. Combining persistence with Tiggerish excitement, he has made a difference. Michael Meacher, from the heart of Old Labour, once went by the name of Tony Benn's vicar-on-earth. The years have not diluted his personal tendency. But that is rather different from religion. Meacher's arrival in the pulp is a more regressive symbol than the fate of Clare Short. And, unless he is born again, it will have its own polluting effects on Labour's reputation. If you're a single-issue enthusiast, Gummer looks a better bet. Better still are the Liberal Democrats. In any future arrangement of the left, this is the field where the Libs should have been dominant from which Labour can only learn. Sooner than that, those who believe that government alone has the power to make people face hard choices may doubt whether the same was ever feared, of this millennial priority, is being straight with them — or with itself.

Frank Prochaska warns republicans that mere abolition of the monarchy could exacerbate our problems. And besides, the royals have proved pretty smart at tacking with the winds of change

## God save the Queen?



AGAINST a background of declining deference, sensationalist journalism and quick-fix politics, the abolition of the monarchy re-emerged in the early 1990s as one of the answers to Britain's failings. Unhappily for the palace, royal reverses mounted up just as the campaign for constitutional reform was gaining momentum. Eloquent in attack and fierce for change, contemporary republicans have pointed out the obvious imperfections of political democracy in Britain, and the need to make government more accountable. It may be that constitutional change would bring about an improvement in Britain's fortunes. It may be that the removal of the royal prerogative would make ministers more accountable. But the abolition of the monarchy altogether, which would fracture the nation's distinctive historical narrative, would be a political Armageddon.

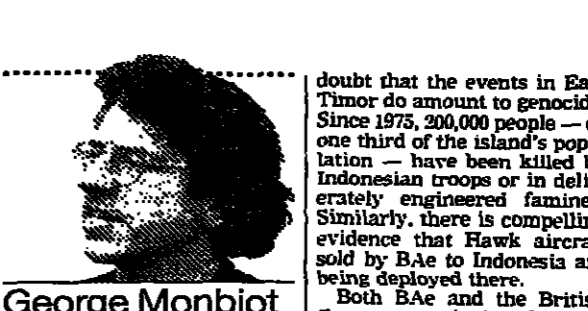
Should anyone assume that it would reduce crime, create jobs or improve education? People in British society lose its entrenched hierarchical traditions simply by removing the monarchy from the constitution? Would a republican head of state in fact prove more economical? A republican campaign that promises moral transformation through government edict, and offers an expectation of national renewal through constitutional means alone, is, to the sceptical mind, politics in the language of faith. People need not be inert conservatives, or even monarchists, to question whether a republic would transform them from passive subjects into active citizens, or to suspect that national revival might prove elusive even with a model constitution. By what means would the power concentrated in the prime minister's office be checked or decentralised by a republican constitution, or by the removal of the royal prerogative? With the Crown removed, would Britain escape the ideological division between monarchists and republicans that beset the French politics for decades? Pure monarchists, are, if anything, more inflexible than republicans, and they may not go quietly. Without the royal family as a focal point of society, would the British be able to avoid an indecorous scramble for social pre-eminence? In some respects, republics mimic former monarchies, and presidential administrations resemble many of the trappings and offices of former royal courts. The abolition of the Crown would take away the privileges of the Windsors and their intimates, but it could pass them on to others in a different guise. There would certainly be surprises for the history of public policy is largely a history of unintended consequences. Neal Ascherson, no friend of the Crown, suggests that "a British Republic which was no more than Britain without the Windsors could become a nightmare of reaction". Most republicans do not even consider such a

had to pick up the bill for erstwhile charitable services. It was argued in the 19th century that by inspiring and propping up so many voluntary societies, the monarchy acted as a buffer between the State and society and provided a counterweight to the dictatorial tendencies of government. Queen Elizabeth II tacitly endorsed such views in her Christmas broadcast in 1951. As she sees it, a healthy voluntary sector, independent of government control, is essential to an open, pluralistic social democracy. The abolition of the monarchy could increase the power of the State at the expense of civic associations and grass-roots participation in democracy. The monarchy has survived not by standing still, but by adjusting to changing circumstances and responding to specific threats with stealth and precision. Today's republicans not only watch with dismay as the royal family plays the charity card in a society which is becoming less collectivist (it should come as a relief to republicans, if not to the remaining members of the Royal Family, that the Princess of Wales recently shed so much of the charitable work that has shorn up her popularity.) The monarchy's evolution from political authority to civic influence, an evolution crucial to its continuing relevance, has thwarted republican reform for over a century. But because of their preoccupation with the constitution and collective action, republicans have failed to appreciate the way in which the Crown has adapted to the new world. Hereditary systems breed complacency, and the occasional dose of republicanism has been invigorating to the monarchy, rather like an inoculation which prevents a terminal affliction. One of the most important effects of republicanism has been to frighten members of the royal family into a reassessment of their role, making them more sensitive to respectable opinion and responsive to social issues. When the Chartist throngs turned up on Kennington Common in 1840, Prince Albert initiated a policy of civic duty and turned his mind to schools, factories and dockyards. When British socialists on "Red Clydeside" and in South Wales expressed sympathy for the Russian Revolution in 1917-18, George V stepped up his family's hospital and welfare work. The monarchy is presently re-assessing its role just as it did in the past when it felt under threat. If the Windsors can put their own house in order, it seems likely that the republican project will sink again into the political sands to become a one Victorian relic, a "sheer desperation". But should it sink, republicanism will eventually resurface, if only because hereditary monarchy cannot furnish a popular head of state for ever.

By allying itself with respectable society and prominent campaigns, the monarchy raised its prestige and reaffirmed its importance in an era when it was retiring from national politics. THIS shift was momentous and led the monarchy into the most remote corners of civic life, providing not only a valuable role and favourable publicity, but contributing greatly to the Crown's adjustment to the most remote corners of civic life. Today, the dutiful members of the royal family spend more time on their patronages than on anything else — they carried out about 2,000 charitable engagements last year. Through social service in the present reign, the Queen has been able to swim with the tide of those post-war and post-imperial currents — egalitarianism and internationalism — that helped to disengage the

royal family from the old ruling class in the minds of the public. As David Cannadine recently acknowledged, "charitable activity has become the place where the royal culture of hierarchical condescension, and the popular culture of social aspiration, have successfully merged". Royal social work delivers a higher level of goods and services than is generally appreciated, but it has a further significance, which has not much featured in the current debate about the Crown. Royal patronage, fund-raising and arm-twisting is worth between £100 million and £200 million to the voluntary sector annually, two or three times what the royal family receives from the State. The Princess Royal alone probably raises as much for her many charities each year as it costs to finance a specifically monarchical head of state. Would or could a president carry out such a charitable routine to such effect? No one has ever suggested it. Republicans should recast their analysis of the monarchy's cost, for the abolition of the Crown might prove expensive for the taxpayer if the State

## In court today: Hawks versus doves



George Monbiot

THIS afternoon, four remarkable women will discover how British justice understands the concept of duty. Depending on the court's interpretation, they will either walk free or start sentences of anything up to 10 years. On January 29, Andrea Neetham, Joanne Wilson and Lesa Kroghly walked into a hangar at British Aerospace's weapons factory at Watton in Lancashire. With household hammers they disabled a Hawk jet due to be delivered to Indonesia. When they had finished, they used the telephone inside the hangar to alert security. They were charged with conspiracy and criminal damage. Soon afterwards, Angie Zelter announced that she was intending to cover such a compelling story? The sale of weapons to Indonesia, we are told, is in the national interest — it generates employment. British Aerospace is an important employer — if it relocated because of bad publicity, tens of thousands of people would lose their jobs. This is the rationale not only for selling BAE Hawks to Indonesia and British weapons of all descriptions to Nigeria, but also for the MoD's new £4 billion spending package — £2.8 billion of which goes to British Aerospace.

YET investment in the arms industry is a peculiarly ineffective means of generating employment. It is capital intensive — you must spend a lot of money to make one job. The billions poured into BAE by taxpayers and through Government-brokered deals over the past few years have had little impact; its workforce declined by 60 per cent between 1991 and 1994. The argument about employment is disingenuous. What we are seeing, more ominously than in any other sector of British life, are the responses to raw, unmediated power. This is the power of which President Eisenhower warned us in his valedictory address. This is the power which nearly succeeded in overturning our asylum laws by expelling a Saudi dissident. The instinct of anybody — whether government, press or ordinary citizens — confronting such might is to appease it. The result of appeasement, as anyone can see, is to make the powerful more powerful still. But no industry, however monstrous, is invincible. Thousands of people in the north-west of England are finding that it is their own communities which risk losing work, have now refused to be complicit in this prostitution. If they can do it, so can we all.



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More than just a bank

Aruna Asaf Ali

Linked to freedom

ARUNA Asaf Ali, who has died aged 88, was a legendary heroine of the struggle for India's freedom...

India's willing support. Stafford Cripps was sent to Delhi to parley with the Indian National Congress...

August 1942 where Gandhi asked the British to pack up and go. A documentary film made at that time shows Aruna to be a woman of striking beauty and energy...

of Aruna and her associates, of whom the closest was a remarkable and able journalist, Eklata Narayanan...



Aruna Asaf Ali... Inspired by the Mahatma PHOTO: S K OULT

Thanks to the massive generosity of the Soviet Union and the socialist bloc, the Link publishing house flourished...

the Emergency, Aruna remained close to the prime minister and subsequently to Rajiv Gandhi. She was awarded Padma Vibhushan, the second highest Indian honour...

Kenneth Bainbridge

Nuclear test of ethics

KEN BAINBRIDGE, the American physicist who has died aged 91, gained his greatest and most controversial fame as director of the Trinity Test of the world's first plutonium bomb...

awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge, where Cockcroft was building up the isotope and high energy physics group...

Mervyn Cowie

The father of Tsavo

NATIONAL parks, particularly in eastern Africa, are so much a part of the general scene that it is easy to assume they have an ancient history...

tion, was building the railway line from Mombasa to Lake Victoria. With a railway and a road — constructed almost in parallel — running through the Tsavo area...



Mervyn Cowie opens the Nairobi National Park visitors' book for Princess Elizabeth in 1952

wards, he was relieved to get back to parks and their problems — one being the increasing number of visitors. In 1950, with Kenya preparing for self-government, visitors totalled 12,000. Today's figure is some 80 times greater...

greeted the earlier explorers, an atmosphere of the unknown... For many things have changed, but at least the Tsavo Park exists...

polio victim (who survives him), was confined to a wheelchair, and Cowie devoted himself wholeheartedly to her care. His qualities were, perhaps, of an earlier age...

Kim Besly

Waging war on missiles

THROUGHOUT the 1980s, Kim Besly, who has died aged 89, was a campaigner against the cruise missile base at Greenham Common in Berkshire...

Like other physicists, Bainbridge believed there would be benefits from the peaceful use of nuclear power. But, like Cockcroft, he used his expertise in the 1950s to warn of the dangers of fallout...

By this time, Bainbridge and Cockcroft had become friends for more than 35 years. They had met at a star-studded meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) held during the World Fair in Chicago in 1953...

Jackdaw



BEIRUT is being reborn as an exclusive travel destination, thanks to a slick Lebanese government advertising initiative aimed at world-wide tourists...

for every last terrorist to leave town? No way. They ignored the bad guys and started the tourism offensive. Initial results... the promotion has attracted the attention of travel editors and writers around the globe...

Juliy Barber, not exactly the secret hideout of a mad scientist. As we munch our fruit salads, Nasser assures me that the Juicy Barber is a stronghold of Hezbollah support...

noon — when I pass by the amiable shapes in gardens where nothing too exhausting is done. Sweet smiles and a kind wave of a hand. Once, with genuine concern, "Have you walked all the way?" Their dog flops over at the very thought of it...

Taste in Lycra THE next morning we came down by going to see The Phantom, which is this endearingly terrible movie about a crime-fighting hero who wears a skintight purple outfit with a black mask and rides a white stallion through the jungle...

really practical? My gay cousin Andrew says that superheroes are just proof men secretly yearn to be figure skaters or showgirls in the Follies Bergere; he says that even macho studs have gay envy...

calling itself On The Wilde Side... But there's not enough of a revival — certainly not as much as there's been for disco music and gardening. This is so wrong! It should be written into law that everyone be Oscarlike every minute of the day...

a one-on-one encounter with the deceased wife of FDR, took place in April 1995, and was conducted under the supervision of New Age guru Jean Houston, according to Woodward's new book...

Hello, there MILLIONS of Americans were stunned when famed Washington Post journalist Bob Woodward revealed that First Lady Hillary Clinton held a séance-like session at the White House...

NEWS SKELTON ON SHROUD OF TURIN! Some fractures match those suffered by the Crucifixion. Spooky... W W News

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Tomorrow: Writeoffs dent NatWest

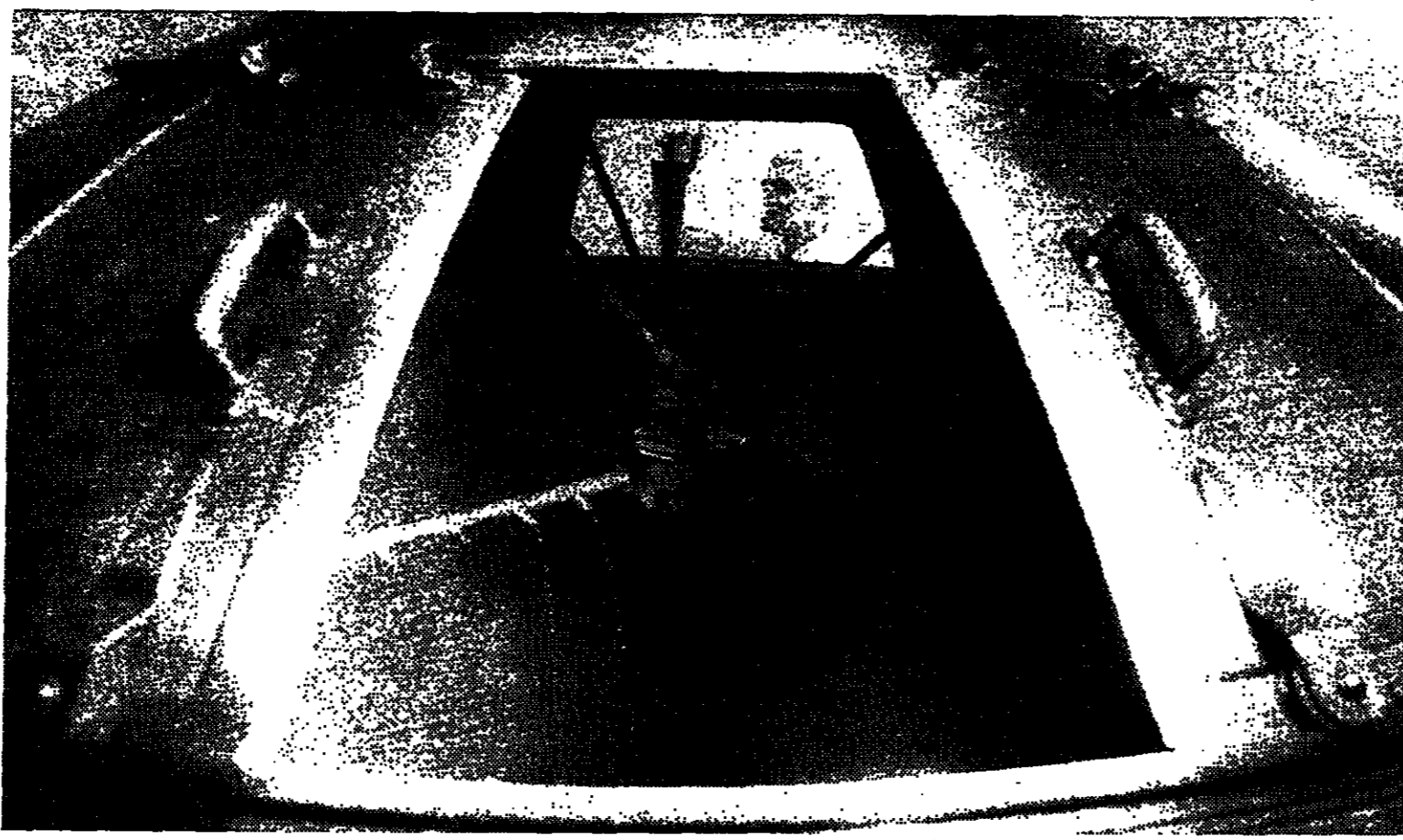
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Bass bid may put 2,000 on dole

Lisa Buckingham

NEARLY 2,000 jobs could be lost if Bass succeeds in acquiring Allied Domecq's 50 per cent stake in brewing group Carlsberg-Tetley, analysts estimated yesterday.



Ale sale... Peter Sunderland, general manager of Samuel Allsopp, part of Carlsberg-Tetley, at the centre of merger speculation

It is understood that Bass will pay about £200 million for a half share in the brewery business, which will give it about 40 per cent of the British beer market.

that Bass is considering selling Stones to Whitbread and may stop production of brands such as Skol and Castlemaine XXXX to avoid a referral to the Monopolies Commission.

With such a potentially large slice of the brewing market, Bass will come under monopolies scrutiny and analysts were yesterday suggesting that the trade off might be for the company to agree to sell more than 1,000 pubs.

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Notebook

Do as we say, not as we do



Edited by Mark Milner

THERE will no doubt be some gritted teeth in government circles over the conclusions of yesterday's all-party Treasury Committee report on monetary union.

Secondly, brisker trade has reduced the pressure on stores to offer credit deals. A line in the Bank of England data showed that net lending from retailers actually fell by £13 million in June - the biggest repayment this year.

Utilities under renewed fire

Companies 'to return a further £1.3 billion'

Simon Beavis Industrial Editor

THE privatised utilities are preparing a new bonanza for their shareholders with a series of share buy-backs and special dividends which will take the total handed back to investors to more than £7 billion and lead to a further £1.3 billion to shareholders by next March.

the shareholders of the privatised companies are continuing to prosper at the expense of customers and staff. It will also heighten tension between the utilities and the Labour Party, which has been involved in a series of clashes with privatised companies, accusing them of trying to undermine the party's plans for a windfall tax.

risk a higher tax charge because their ability to offset advance corporation tax (ACT) is becoming exhausted. The brokers say the water companies will offer shareholders a windfall even though their scope to do so is limited because of big capital expenditure commitments to clean up water and repair systems.



thwarted in their bids to take over regional companies and left with huge capacity to boost returns to shareholders - are also seen as likely donors, as is Northern Ireland Electricity.

Byatt attacks reduced investment in water

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

WATER companies were embroiled in a fresh controversy last night when the industry watchdog unleashed a tough warning about inadequate investment in the nation's water supplies and standards of customer service and told companies they may have to cut bills to compensate.

element of the regulator's assessment of what constitutes a reasonable profit. Telling companies that savings on investment should be passed to consumers ahead of the next price review at the end of the decade, Mr Byatt suggested companies forego part of their right to increase bills next April, in line with their underpinning on infrastructure.

Less credit for consumer boom

Richard Thomas Economics Correspondent

DEMAND from consumers for credit slipped back last month, confounding City expectations that the mini-boom on Britain's high streets would fuel a pick-up in personal borrowing.

discuss monetary policy, market analysts said the figures reduced sharply the chances of a further interest-rate cut. Given the strong pick-up in retail activity last month, City analysts said the softer lending data suggests shoppers were funding spending out of current income, boosted by tax cuts and lower mortgage payments, rather than running up credit card bills or overdrafts.

be surprised to see the upturn in consumer credit slow down or even flat-ten off in the months ahead. The Bank said there had been a particularly big fall in net lending by high street banks, from £522 million in May to £255 million the following month. Lending on credit cards fell to £183 million, against a revised £190 million in May.

against £2.3 billion in May. The Bank of England revised its estimate of growth in broad money, M4, for the year to June, from 10 per cent to 10.1 per cent.

Auditors cleared over Ferranti's fall

Roger Cowe

AUDITORS who failed to spot the fraud which brought down electronics group Ferranti have been cleared of any misconduct.

In his report, Mr Chance said: "I have proceeded on the basis that neither the existence of the fraud nor the settlement of the civil action provide evidence for an adverse finding." He said yesterday he had also taken into account that KPMG settled for much less than Ferranti had claimed.

British car prices among EC's lowest

Julie Wolf in Brussels

BRITAIN, once one of the more expensive places in the EU to purchase a car, has become one of the cheapest.

cheapest in Britain. So was the Honda Civic. The UK recorded the highest prices for just three models. Germany and France were the most expensive places to buy a car, with the two countries accounting for the highest prices in 39 cases.

hats, such as Belgium. The highest prices then were found in Spain, followed by the UK. Although prices fell following the exchange rate mechanism, a commission survey in May 1993 still found more high-priced cars in the UK than in yesterday's report.

that these networks enable the industry to maintain price differentials. Commission officials said Brussels will send a formal warning to Volkswagen in September that it broke EU rules by restricting car sales to foreigners. They added that they have received complaints from consumers about restrictions imposed by car distributors in Denmark and Finland, although these did not necessarily involve Volkswagen.

MPs back BA's American deal

Keith Harper Transport Editor

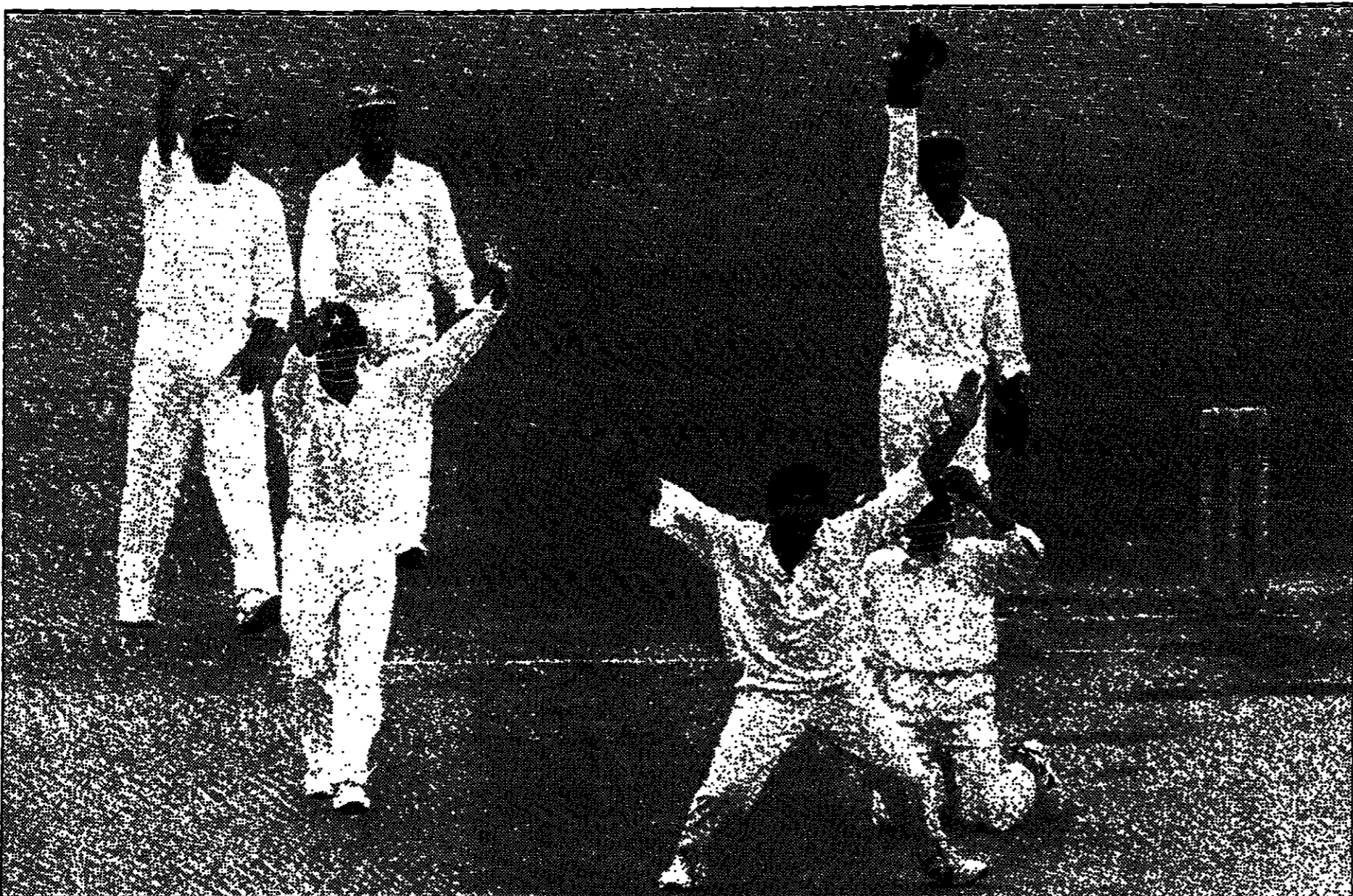
THE proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines, which would give them dominance of the North Atlantic between the UK and the United States, will today receive the backing of the influential cross-party Commons transport select committee.

to his airline business, Virgin Atlantic. One of the committee's main recommendations is the setting up of an independent tribunal which would act to protect the consumer from unfair competition.

Table with columns: TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS, Australia 1.2125, France 7.565, Italy 2.920, Singapore 2.15, Austria 1.590, Germany 2.2225, Netherlands 2.51, South Africa 1.737, Belgium 45.95, Greece 369.50, New Zealand 2.1775, Spain 190.00, Canada 2.0675, Hong Kong 11.73, Norway 9.87, Sweden 10.07, Cyprus 0.8922, India 56.36, Portugal 231.25, Switzerland 1.825, Denmark 3.68, Ireland 0.8325, Saudi Arabia 6.80, Turkey 104.452, Finland 6.93, Israel 4.93, USA 1.52

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More than just a bank



Mass appeal... Mushtaq, who finished with five wickets for 57 off 38 overs, leads the Pakistan chorus for another dismissal at Lord's yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

England v Pakistan: First Test, final day

# England collapse in a heap

### Mike Selvey at Lord's sees Wasim Akram's fired-up team rush to victory

THE Pakistan team have long been fuelled by passion rather than pragmatism, capable of touching stratospheric heights and plummeting the lowest depths within the same afternoon. They rely on the force. But even by their standards, the tidal wave of adrenalin cricket that carried them to victory in the first Test here yesterday afternoon was something special.

to the pavilion and the board read 186 for eight. Seven wickets had fallen for 18 runs in 75 balls. As collapse got, this was in the same class as Norman Wisdom's deckchair. With the heart and soul knocked out of the England order, Pakistan then took the foot off the gas, allowing the last two wickets to add 57, and it was not until the final over before a delayed test interval that victory was achieved. No matter, though: the damage had been done earlier and, although there were reports of thunder-showers drifting in, Pakistan's decision to bat on for more than an hour in bad light on Saturday evening had bought them time.

Once the breach had been made the game was always under control, and 27 overs remained when Ian Salisbury looked at a bouncer from the Pakistan captain Wasim Akram and was caught behind which saw David Lloyd's British Bulldog — the one that for the previous four hours and more, while Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart were putting together a second-wicket partnership of 154, had growled at the intruder — suddenly lose its teeth and roll over like a pet poodle. The Mound Stand clock showed three minutes before two o'clock and the scoreboard beneath it 186 for one when the mayhem began with Atherton's dismissal. Sixty-one minutes later Graham Thorpe was wandering back

for at the other end the little teaser Mushtaq Ahmed had been plugging away. His was a tribute to persistence, for from the moment in the first innings when he had Alec Stewart leg before wicket before tea on Friday he had sent down 49 overs without success. It simply could not last, and did not.

It was a decision, made at lunchtime, to go around the wicket which changed his fortunes, for in the space of 57 balls Atherton had been caught at slip, Stewart taken at silly point, Salim Malik bowled behind his legs, Thorpe unluckily leg-before, and Mushtaq caught close in on the off side. Five for 57 from 38 overs was magnificent bowling.

Perhaps England had been seduced by the certainty with which Atherton and Stewart had negotiated the morning's play, for although Wagar had all but been held in reserve to take advantage once a breakthrough had been made, Mushtaq always posed questions and no one is blind to the potential of Wasim. It was perhaps Stewart who was the more impressive because, whereas we expect this sort of thing from Atherton now, his partner has been teetering on the brink of Test-match extinction.

## Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Pakistan and England. Rows include batsmen (e.g., Saad Anwar, Wasim Akram) and bowlers (e.g., Salim Malik, Mushtaq Ahmed) with their respective runs, wickets, and overs.

## County Table

Table showing county cricket performance with columns for Rank, Runs, Wickets, and Wins. Lists counties like Surrey, Lancashire, and Kent.

County Championship: Hampshire v Surrey

# Surrey on the fringe of top

DAVID FOOT at Southampton

A FIFTH-WICKET stand of 195 by Nadeem Shahid and Adam Holoake, who both made centuries at the interval, set a target of 301 in 54 overs, they reached it with five balls left.

50 and also cleared an adjacent road with a huge six. Surrey timed their chase with buoyant momentum, Holoake orchestrating the aggression. He might have been caught at the wicket when 81, but went on to send one six over the pavilion and sting James's fingertips with another.

County Championship: Lancashire v Sussex

## Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Lancashire and Sussex. Rows include batsmen (e.g., P. M. S. Morgan, M. P. B. Jackson) and bowlers (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson).

County Championship: Glamorgan v Leicestershire

## Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Glamorgan and Leicestershire. Rows include batsmen (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson) and bowlers (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson).

Leicestershire v Sussex

# Brimson's best puts Sussex in a flat spin

NEVILLE FOULGER

A CAREER-best bowling performance by Matthew Brimson propelled Leicestershire to joint top of the championship when they gained their fourth consecutive victory with a 58-run win over Sussex at Grace Road.

cause the left-arm fast bowler Alan Mullally was on Test duty with England, had taken five wickets in an innings. The first was against Kent this season when he finished with five for 57.

County Championship: Kent v Derbyshire

## Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Kent and Derbyshire. Rows include batsmen (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson) and bowlers (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson).

County Championship: Warwickshire v Somerset

## Scoreboard

Table with 2 columns: Warwickshire and Somerset. Rows include batsmen (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson) and bowlers (e.g., M. P. B. Jackson, M. P. B. Jackson).

Sport in brief

# Liverpool secure Berger for £3.25m

LIVERPOOL'S month-long pursuit of the Czech Republic midfielder Patrik Berger ended successfully yesterday when the German champions Borussia Dortmund agreed to sell him for £3.25 million. The 25-year-old Berger will arrive on Merseyside tomorrow morning to undergo a medical examination and will then travel to Ireland to join his new club's pre-season tour, then travel to Ireland to join his new club's pre-season tour, then travel to Ireland to join his new club's pre-season tour.

# Gibbs refuses summer rugby

THE former Wales and Lions centre Scott Gibbs, who is rejoining Swansea after a spell with rugby league's St Helens, will resist the temptation to play all year round. He will play one more game in the Super League at Castleford this Friday before concentrating on rugby union. The 25-year-old Gibbs, who is returning to South Wales on a four-year contract believed to be worth £200,000, is expected to join the growing trend of leading players such as Martin Offiah who are to play union in the winter and league in the summer. Offiah is leaving Wigan to play rugby union for Bedford and league for London Broncos.

# Benson stands down

KENT'S Mark Benson has resigned as captain after being told a knee injury is likely to keep him out for the rest of the season. The 38-year-old Benson has been unable to play this summer after being hurt in pre-season training. Steve Marsh has been appointed captain for the rest of the season, but he will be out for at least a month with a broken finger. The West Indies all-rounder Carl Hooper is likely to stand in.

# Fittipaldi serious but stable

THIS veteran IndyCar driver Emerson Fittipaldi is in a serious but stable condition after a crash during the Marlboro 500 in Michigan on Sunday. The 49-year-old Brazilian, who crashed into a wall on the second lap of the race, has a fractured vertebra and a partially collapsed left lung. The crash could end the career of Fittipaldi, who recorded his first IndyCar win in this race 11 years ago and is one of only three drivers to win championships in both Formula One and IndyCar.

# Henman in Wimbledon return

BRITAIN will stage their crucial Davis Cup tie against Egypt on No. 1 Court at Wimbledon from September 20 to 22. The Euro/Africa Zone Group Two match will decide which nation is promoted to Group One next year and it will be the last test to be staged on the court, which will be demolished shortly after the tie is decided. David Lloyd, Britain's non-playing captain, and Tim Henman, the British No. 1, both made a plea for the tie to be staged at Wimbledon after the team's 5-0 victory over Ghana in the second round in Accra two weeks ago.

# Foreman to fight in Tokyo

THE veteran former heavyweight champion George Foreman is to fight his fellow American Crawford Grimley, aged 24, on September 16 in Tokyo. It will be the 47-year-old Foreman's first ring appearance in the city since 1975, when he knocked out Joe Roman in the first defence of the title he won from Joe Frazier the year before. Foreman, who holds no major title or ranking from any major body, had defended the IBF and WBU titles by beating Axel Schulz of Germany in April 1988 before suffering a rematch and giving up the crown.

# Burns on track for title

BRITAIN'S Richard Burns, the only survivor of the Mitsubishi works team, was last night 47 seconds ahead of Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson, his nearest challenger for the title of the Rally of New Zealand. Burns, who won the British championship at the age of 22 in 1993, was in line for the biggest win of his career after his team-mate Tommi Makinen crashed yesterday.

# Robertson feels at home

DAVID ROBERTSON moved into the second round of the Scottish Amateur Championship on his home course of Dunbar with a comfortable 3 and 1 victory against the Scotland international Euan Little. Robertson is playing in the tournament for the second time since being banned from professional golf for cheating during the final qualifying competition for the 1986 Open.

# Results

Table of sports results including Soccer, Rugby League, Golf, Tennis, and Baseball. Lists various matches and their outcomes.

Vertical advertisements on the right side of the page, including 'The Guardian Soccer Rovers', 'Glo', 'Perform', and 'Entire sold to'.

Soccer

Rovers' one-man band leaves the mill-town fans bereft as he pursues a No. 9 dream in his native big city

Gloom and boom on Shearer transfer trail

Ian Ross ponders the gaping hole left behind in Blackburn, Lancashire

FIFTEEN months ago when Blackburn Rovers improbably seized the Premiership title...

Yesterday, in between the showers of a drab midsummer's day gone wrong...

North Lancashire's big secret was out: Alan Shearer had taken his place in book and ambition back to his native North-east...

Supporters invariably gravitate towards their club's stadium in times of distress. It is accepted practice...

Wearing their blue and white they stood around solemnly almost as if they expected something to happen...

But Coar was in his bunker dictating a press release, one which opened with the dreaded words: "I can confirm..."

Before Shearer, Blackburn was most famous for a line in the Beatles A Day In The Life...

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lost him we may have lost everything. Last season Shearer was the only thing that kept us going...

Others were not quite so ruthless. The withdrawal from the Blackburn club shop of shirts bearing Shearer's name...

As the small knot outside began to swell, several supporters marched into Rovers' merchandise department to demand refunds...

"I think it's disgusting that shirts with Shearer's name on them were still being sold late last week. By that point they must have known he wasn't going to be there next season..."

Parfitt has already renewed his season ticket but many thousands more sceptical supporters have not. Now it seems unlikely that they will...

Last season when Shearer was hanging in the limbo, Ewood Park was often only three-quarters full. That may well come to represent a bumper gate in the post-Shearer era...

"We have had a woman on air crying and another, a mechanic, had come down to visit the club ticket office to try and get a refund on his season ticket..."

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But Coar was in his bunker dictating a press release, one which opened with the dreaded words: "I can confirm..."



So long Shearer... the striker's transfer has left angry Blackburn supporters demanding refunds for their replica shirts

Michael Walker on the dramatic rise of Sir John Hall's Newcastle empire

THE timing could hardly have been more striking. As Kevin Keegan mounted the podium in a Bangkok hotel to comment on the announcement that Newcastle were paying Blackburn Rovers £15 million for Alan Shearer...

With season tickets the premium currency in the city - there is now a 12,000-long waiting list - Newcastle made a further 300 available. The first 300 paying people in the queue may have been delighted at this news initially but less so after they heard the asking price, £1,500 each...

Football, as everyone from Sir John Hall to Eric Hall keeps telling us, is now big business and entering this world requires ever deeper pockets. The new seats will net Newcastle £450,000 a year...

The chief executive Freddie Fletcher defended the move. "We accept this is not what some of our supporters on the waiting list want," he said. "Don't forget we had an average of only 17,000 when the new board took over and we have now produced an all-seat stadium for 33,000 season-ticket holders..."

Fletcher has a point; and, as a signing by Hall, this combative Scotsman comes second only to Keegan. Brought down from Rangers, where he was part of the David Murray/Graeme Souness revolution, Fletcher's favourite word is "maximise"...

This is exactly what Newcastle have done in the six years since plain John Hall joined the board. Success did not come immediately and share issues in December 1990 were ultimately aborted...

Newcastle's average attendance for that 1990-91 season was only 16,835 but within two years Hall had battled his way to chairman, sacked Ossie Ardiles and recruited Keegan in February 1992. Then Newcastle were near the bottom of the old Second Division and, although Hall had made a fortune from property development, money was not sloshing around the club...

The first time Keegan parted with money was £250,000 he paid Coventry for Brian Kilcline the same month he took over. When Keegan bought Andy Cole from Bristol City in March 1993 it was the first time Newcastle had spent more than £1 million for a player. Thirteen more such signings have followed...

Keegan has laid out about 250 million in transfer fees alone. And although he has recruited a few ever deeper outgoing transfers, the club has spent more than that in redeveloping the stadium...

Much of the money comes from the fans who put £12 million through the turnstiles last season and from their increasing spending on Newcastle's burgeoning merchandise. Ten years ago there was one small, wooden club shop off Percy Street; now there are five superstores in the city...

Shearer shirts are selling already and his presence at St James' should ensure that the next step - Newcastle's proposed share flotation - will be another jump up the league of rich European clubs...

Last week's hive-off of the football club from the rest of Newcastle's sporting empire should ensure this is a success. The football club will be able to maximise its income in isolation, although the limited number of season tickets remains a hindrance...

This explains why Russell Jones, in charge of grand development, said: "Perhaps people will realise now why we need a 75,000-seat stadium." Imagine the money they could generate then.

Racing

Performance tops the bill

Ron Cox

THERE are few faster horses in training over three or four furlongs than Eveningperformance...

Sometimes the tank is dangerously close to empty at the end of a five-furlong sprint, but Henry Candy's mare should have the necessary reserves to get home in the King George Stakes, centre-piece of the opening day at Glorious Goodwood...

Twelve months ago Eveningperformance looked all over the winner of this valuable sprint until she was colared in the dying strides by Heaveit Golf Rose...

She is now 2lb better off with last year's winner, who picks up hefty penalties in races like today's as a result of her blindingly successful 1995 campaign...

More importantly, Eveningperformance seems in better form this time round. Fears that the stiff track at Sandown, on rain-soaked ground, would find her out last time proved unfounded...

As usual, she showed all her early dash, but she also showed no signs of stopping at the finish and recorded a comfortable win from Venture Capitalist...

Hever Golf Rose, a creditable third, may not be as effective over a sharp five-furlong now. She has something to find with Almaty on their running behind Fivotal at Royal Ascot, where the Irish colt was third with Hever Golf Rose nearly two lengths back in fourth...

Almaty was an all-the-way winner of the Molecomb Stakes at this meeting last year and could be better to bustle up Eveningperformance (8.50)...

Seven St Leger entries line up for the Westminster Tax Insurance Gordon Stakes, but it can pay to concentrate on one of the runners without the final Classic entry...

Pentire sold to Japan

PENTIRE, winner of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot last Saturday, has been sold to stand at stud in Japan...

John Ferguson, the racing manager of Moller Racing, who owns the four-year-old, who own the horse have been said: "Terms of the sale to the Shaded Group in Japan for an undated period. He will continue to race throughout 1996..."

Don Vito (2.45), whose first venture into pattern company ended disappointingly last month, is certainly worth the chance to see he is better than his sixth place behind Amfortas suggests...

Trained by Roger Charlton, who is not given to running his horses out of their depth, Don Vito is better than he seems for Pat Redery in the King Edward VII Stakes...

Tim Sprake, who had won on the colt first time out, was back on board at Chester where Don Vito came from well off the pace to finish an eye-catching second behind Prince Of Andros...

Learning all the time, Don Vito is fancied to turn the Ascot tables on Desert Boy, who finished second to Amfortas and has since been disqualified after beating Radevora at Saint-Cloud...

Silver Groom (3.20) has good prospects of repeating last year's clear-cut victory in the William Hill Cup, even off a 10lb higher handicap mark...

His trainer can work for improvement from a seemingly exposed six-year-old in Reg Akehurst, who must have been satisfied with Silver Groom's fourth behind Shear Danzig from a poor draw in the Hong Kong Trophy at Sandown...

That form has worked out really well, with good subsequent winners Wilmsnis, Missile and Yeast all finishing behind Silver Groom...

The danger is Rokeby Bowl, who shaped promisingly at Windsor on his belated reappearance. Ian Balding, his trainer, has saddled the winner of this corresponding race three times in the past 10 years...

Willie Carson has delayed his return to the saddle. The 53-year-old, who was injured in a fall at Newmarket last Friday, decided to miss today's meeting at Goodwood but will be riding there tomorrow when his mounts include Sahm and Albarth...

Goodwood card with form guide for the televised races

Table containing race cards for Goodwood, including sections for 3.15 Autumn Cover, 3.50 Eveningperformance (nap), BBC-2, and 4.25 Don't Bet These Stakes. Each section lists race numbers, names of horses, jockeys, and trainers.

Beverley

Table containing race cards for Beverley, including sections for 3.00 Venetia Lady, 3.35 Medical Doctor, 4.10 Ben Ken, and 4.45 Family Day. Each section lists race numbers, names of horses, jockeys, and trainers.

Results

Table listing race results for Brighton, including race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and trainers.

Results

Table listing race results for Newcastle, including race numbers, horse names, jockeys, and trainers.

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# SportsGuardian

## EUROPE'S HOTTEST PROPERTY TAKES GOALS TO NEWCASTLE

Michael Walker and Ian Ross on the record £15 million deal that secured the homecoming of Britain's most prolific goalscorer

# Shearer opens door to Kluivert

**M**ANCHESTER United and Blackburn Rovers are to seek consolation for Alan Shearer's £15 million transfer to the North-east by moving for the brilliant Ajax striker Patrick Kluivert.

With United unable to rely on Andy Cole for consistent goalscoring and Blackburn needing to convince a dis-trusted public to invest in their season tickets, the abun-dantly gifted Kluivert would fit the bill for both.

Milan are believed to have an option on the 20-year-old Dutch international, who will be out of contract next sum-mer. But as he could then move for nothing it would make sound business sense for Ajax to reap what could be a £12 million windfall by sell-ing Kluivert during the com-ing season.

Immediately after Holland's dismissal from the European Championship, Kluivert said publicly that he would wel-come the chance to join the wave of Continental talent threatening to engulf the Pre-miership. Asked about which club he might consider join-ing, he mentioned only three: Manchester United, Newcas-tle and Liverpool.

Yesterday morning's news that Shearer was leaving Ewood Park for Newcastle had more than a whiff of in-evitability about it. Ever since the 22nd minute of England's first Euro 96 game against Switzerland when he broke his near two-year interna-tional scoring drought, Shearer has been the hottest property in European football.

He went on to become the top scorer in the tournament and in many eyes its out-standing performer. It seemed anomalous to the public that he would descend from that platform and return to a side who had not even qualified for Europe. The surprise was that Shearer should choose

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**Kevin Keegan**

*We fought tooth and nail to persuade him his future was here but he said: 'I would really like to play for my home-town club'*  
**Robert Coar**

*It was the challenge of returning home and wearing the famous black-and-white shirt which made up my mind*  
**Alan Shearer**

## The ninety-one year transfer trail

From Common to Shearer, how transfer fees have gone up.

Feb 1905	All Common Sunderland to Middlesbrough	£1,000
Oct 1929	David Jack Bolton to Arsenal	£10,000
Nov 1947	Tommy Lawton Chelsea to Nottingham Forest	£20,000
Mar 1950	Dennis Law Huddersfield to Man City	£25,000
Aug 1956	Alan Ball Blackpool to Everton	£110,000
Mar 1970	Wurth Peters West Ham to Tottenham	£200,000
Aug 1977	Kenny Dalglish Celtic to Liverpool	£250,000
Jan 1979	David Mills Middlesbrough to WBA	£275,000
Feb 1979	Trevor Francis Birmingham to Nottingham Forest	£1,100,000
Oct 1981	Bryan Robson WBA to Man Utd	£1,500,000
Jul 1988	Paul Gascoigne Newcastle to Tottenham	£2,000,000
Jul 1988	Tony Cottee West Ham to Everton	£2,200,000
Jan 1991	Dawn Saunders Derby to Liverpool	£2,500,000
Jul 1992	Alan Shearer Southampton to Blackburn	£3,500,000
Jul 1993	Roy Keane Nottingham Forest to Man Utd	£3,750,000
Aug 1993	Duncan Ferguson Dundee Utd to Rangers	£4,000,000
Jul 1994	Gavin Hastings Norwich to Blackburn	£5,000,000
Jan 1995	Andy Cole Newcastle to Man Utd	£7,000,000
Jun 1995	Stan Collymore Nottingham Forest to Liverpool	£8,500,000
Jul 1996	Alan Shearer Blackburn to Newcastle	£15,000,000

From the top: Tommy Lawton, Alan Ball, Trevor Francis, Duncan Ferguson



## Waqar blows England away

Paul Weaver sees a familiar story unfold at Lord's

**W**HEN a section of the floor of the corridor linking the famous red-brick and sandstone pavilion gave way yesterday and an urgent call was made for a plumber, it was desperately symbolic stuff. For England collapsed themselves a little later, losing seven wickets for 18 runs in just over an hour as Pakistan, who appeared to have been thwarted at lunch, won the first Test by 164 runs before tea.

Mushtaq Ahmed was the most successful bowler with five for 57 but it was Waqar Younis, sprinting in from the pavilion end, who broke England hearts with a long and devastating display of pace and swing in which he added the wickets of Graeme Hick, Jack Russell and Dominic Cork to that of Nick Knight, his overnight success, to finish with four wickets for the second time in the match.

England's coach David Lloyd said afterwards: "Ian Salisbury played particularly well and Simon Brown hung around at the end." His audience, not sure whether he was jok-ing, half smiled and looked at one another.

Mike Atherton, who batted throughout the first ses-sion with Alec Stewart to raise hopes of saving the game and even inspire far-fetched notions of winning it, said: "We were in a de-cent position to save it but then we lost a few wickets and when you give a sniff of a chance to this Pakistan side they are not easy. It was not easy for the tail but that underlined how im-portant it was to get a score once you got in."

"It was a decent pitch but we are hoping to get more user-friendly, seamer-friendly conditions at Headingley."

His opposing captain Wasim Akram said: "I had dinner with Mike last night and I told him to hang around or we would win, but he didn't listen to me."

"We were a little tense and desperate at lunch. But we knew we just needed a wicket or two and it would change. England will try to come back but now we are ahead we will take dif-ferent tactics to Leeds."

Mike Salvey, page 12

Newcastle ahead of Manches-ter United for his world-re-cord move.

Since Euro 96 it was the Old Trafford club who had pub-licly and privately courted the England centre-forward, a chase that included a bid of about £12 million. However, the inquiries brought increas-ingly angry denials from

Rovers and in the end they may have been happier sell-ing Shearer to Newcastle rather than to their North-west rivals.

Certainly that was the im-pression the Manchester United chairman Martin Ed-wards received. "There was no way that Blackburn would let him come here," Edwards

said, "and they made that clear by rejecting our offer. The player also made it clear the club would not allow him to join us."

Yesterday Shearer said that he was "particularly im-pressed" by Alex Ferguson as a manager but explained his preference for Newcastle as "the challenge of returning

home and wearing the famous black and white". The deal had been done over the week-end after Shearer had talked with Jack Walker, Black-burn's financial backer, and Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager. Walker had been unable to persuade Shearer to remain at Ewood even though, in Shearer's words, "Jack battled harder than anyone could imagine."

Robert Coar, Blackburn's chairman, found small consolation in the fact that the club had "fought tooth and nail" to keep Shearer, whose de-parture came 12 months after he signed a four-year contract. Crucially there was a verbal agreement that should a tempting offer come along then Shearer would be free to consider it.

Speaking at his Bangkok hotel on Newcastle's tour of the Far East, Keegan appeared as ecstatic as any member of the "Toon Army". "It just shows you the ambition of Newcastle United," he said. "We are the biggest-thinking team in Europe now. We're not the

biggest, most successful team yet but we have tremendous support from above which al-lows me to buy players. I like buying players."

"Today he will have a medi-cal, that's the first thing. The fee is agreed but obviously it's subject to a medical. Alan



Kluivert... new target man

Shearer will not be joining us on this tour."

Keegan had learned of the news before his departure from Heathrow airport on Friday night. As he prepared to board the plane for Thai-land a call on his mobile phone informed him that Walker had agreed to let Shearer "return" to his home-town club.

Just what number shirt the new acquisition will wear im-mediately became the most interesting item on the agenda for Newcastle fans. The present holder of the No. 9 jersey, Les Ferdinand, must be worrying about his future though Keegan is said to have always intended play-ing Ferdinand alongside Shearer.

If Shearer does not join the club's tour then his first ap-pearance in black and white may come against Manches-ter United in the Charity Shield at Wembley on August 11. Two days later Shearer will be 26.

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Not long afterwards, Horrocks was urinating on stage as Lady Macbeth. "It wasn't an easy task, you know — I had to clean the carpet afterwards" Why? "If you were a stage manager would you like to clean up my piss?"

Simon Hattenstone

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Guardian Crossword No 20,718  
Set by Pasquale

**Across**

- Lab in Tony out would suit him (4,5)
- Poet with this flowery thing would become a poor poet (5)
- There's nothing strange in jovial greeting (4,3)
- High vehicle overturned when contacting tree (7)
- Injury follows cold seductiveness (6)
- Passing rain's unfortunately penetrating marquee? (9)
- Land rent here's so ridiculous for emergency accommodation (6,7)
- Star's most outstanding moment? (9)
- Histrionics when adult goes after tot (5)
- Girl finds means to get over harassment finally (7)
- Choral turn from the man — drinks must be knocked back first (7)
- Statement of dogma from left-winger in company (5)
- At university article by Euro-pean is a bit crazy (2,3,4)

**Down**

- Carriage found in street (era before train) (10)
- Improper casualty admission may be heading thus (6)
- I remain with maiden in the same place (6)
- Curving thoroughfare allowing very little in (4)
- Shrill sound on latest ram-shackle radio receiver (7,3)
- Trashy young creature on seat naughtily (8)
- Band's tour in Home Counties (6)
- Steep bank to be invaded by artillery (4)

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